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Letter from the President:

The Quest for the Quincy Ivory Gull

We've all felt the rush of excitement. Word comes to you via text message, email, post to a Web site, social media, or even a phone call from a friend that someone just observed a bird you really want to see. I mean REALLY want to see. Maybe it's not just any bird, but a bird you've dreamed of seeing your "whole (birding) life," a bird you'd normally need to travel hundreds or thousands of miles or even need a passport to see. A bird you'd give your right arm for. (OK, maybe not your right arm. How would you even hold your binoculars?)

Anyway, a million questions go through your mind at that moment, but inevitably it probably boils down to just one. What are the chances of seeing it?

If your life isn't too complicated, within minutes you could jump into your car or a friend's and be on your way. Certainly, your chances are better of seeing the bird the sooner you get moving. After all, there's only so many hours of light in a day and birds fly, right? Well, if you're anything like me, it isn't always that easy. You have a few things to consider. Do I have family commitments? Work deadlines? Is my son, who's also an avid birder, available to come with me? Where the heck are my car keys anyway? Sound familiar?

And so it began on a Friday, January 2nd, 2015 at 2:45pm. I was at work trying to wrap things up when Jim Mountjoy posted to the Illinois Birders Forum (IBF) that Jason Mullins had discovered an Ivory Gull in Quincy. "Whoa! Now, THAT'S a bird I REALLY want to see," I thought. "How far is that?" I pulled up Google Maps on my computer and entered the directions. My heart sank - 300 miles?! When you're in Chicago on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm, 30 miles might take as long to travel as 300. That wasn't going to happen. But all was not lost, the weekend was just around the corner. Surely, the bird would be there again tomorrow morning, right?

On the way home, in traffic, I set operation, Quest for Quincy, in motion. I called my wife. "Hi honey! How was your day?" I was pretending to be cool, but clearly my wife wasn't buying it. "You can't see a bird this weekend, Matthew. We have to…" I don't think I heard another word after that. My plans were completely foiled. How could this be happening?

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Ivory Gull. Quincy. Adams County.
3 January 2015. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Letter from the Editor

Discovering more talent, more birders

One of the pleasures of producing *Meadowlark* is meeting new and talented people – artists, birders, writers, photographers. One such person is Jason Mullins, who discovered an Ivory Gull in Illinois a couple of years ago. Jason is not only a fine birder, but he is also a fine artist and writer.

Jason created our cover and field notes illustration this issue – and he also wrote an account of finding the Ivory Gull, which you'll find in this issue as well. I didn't know Jason before this – and yet here was this birder, writer, photographer living right in Illinois, ready to contribute his talents. Thank you, Jason!

Seeing Jason Mullins' work in this issue reminds me that we need to embrace new people, new birders and new artists and open our arms to a larger community, to that person out there who loves birds, but doesn't feel part of a crowd or a group, or to that photographer who does great work, but is overshadowed by others seemingly more important.

The talent pool in Illinois is huge – and many times, untapped – just like the potential of each new day we go out to bird. And there are new birding friends to make.

This past Christmas Bird Count, I spent time with birders Bob Schifo and Jessie Runner in central Illinois, who I barely know and it was a joy. Bob is a great birder and professional photographer – and one of the most generous people I've met. We now play Words with Friends and he keeps on beating me! Jesse builds birdhouses and her son, Tyler is destined to become a fine birder. It was so fun to see the thrill he got when he added a new bird to his list, but boy do I wish I had all his energy. Jessie and Tyler are not in the birding limelight, but they are talented, good people I'm glad to know and hope to know better.

As you browse through this issue, see if you recognize a new name – someone you haven't met before, who wrote a story, or documented a bird, or took a photograph, or is on the board of IOS. Then remember we are all part of the universe of birding. And dare I say at that end of this philosophical musing – Namaste!

Sheryl DeVore

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The Diet of Chicago's Celebrity South Loop Owls

BY NANDU DUBEY AND JOSHUA I. ENGEL

Long-eared Owls (*Asio otus*) are a predominantly mammal-eating species found across North America and Eurasia, usually in landscapes with a mosaic of forest and grassland (Weidensaul 2015). Their movements can be irruptive and unpredictable in North America and they are often found in areas with high rodent concentration. They prey especially on *Peromyscus* mice and *Microtus* voles, although their diets vary with habitat, season and geography (Weidensaul 2015). In Illinois, Long-eared Owls are uncommon migrants and winter visitors, arriving in October and generally departing by April. Breeding has been documented several times, but does not occur every year (Bohlen 1989).

Figure 1. Long-eared Owls roosting in Mary Jones Richardon Park, Chicago, Cook County. 11 January 2008. Photo by Stephanie Ware.

Long-eared Owls are usually found roosting in stands of coniferous trees in Illinois, but they feed in grasslands (Bohlen 1989; Weidensaul 2015). They are often faithful to the same roosting trees over the course of a winter (Weidensaul 2015). This roosting behavior allows for study of their diet because they often regurgitate pellets at their roosting site which can be collected and their contents identified. Pellets are the undigested material of their prey, usually fur, feathers and bones, and by examining the pellet contents, we can learn about their diet over the course of their stay.

In December 2007, a group of Long-eared Owls were found roosting in Mary Jones Richardson Park, adjacent to an elementary school in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood (N 41° 51' 57.400 W 87° 37' 44.301). The group, which consisted of up to nine individuals, stayed in the area until the end of February, roosting in a small grove of pine trees in the park, which is within the dense residential complex of Dearborn Park (Figure 1). Birders and local residents reported them frequently flying to and from the west, indicating that they were likely feeding in the weedy, open habitat on the east side of the Chicago River, south of Roosevelt Road and west of Clark Street (S. Ware, pers. comm.). Birders and non-birders alike took much interest in the owls. They were covered extensively in the local media, including coverage by NBC-5, the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Wilderness magazine, and on many personal blogs.

According to local residents, Long-eared Owls became regular visitors to Dearborn Park as early as the winter of 2005-2006 (S. Ware, pers. comm.). They were seen in small numbers (1-3 birds) in subsequent winters after 2007-08, until 2009-2010, in Jones Park or nearby Cotton Tail Park (eBird.org data).

On 30 March 2008, after the owls had departed, Stephanie Ware and Tom Gnoske collected 376 pellets—all that they could find—from under the owls' roosting trees in Jones Park (Figure 2). Bones were separated from fur and feathers and each pellet's bone contents were stored in glass vials in the Field Museum of Natural History. We examined the pellet contents with the goal of investigating the diet of Long-eared Owls in an urban setting and also to compare our results with previous studies of Long-eared Owl diets in both urban and rural environments. Identifications were made by examining the teeth of the mammal prey, using the Field Museum Mammal Collection and Hoffmeister (1989) as references. Out of the 416 skulls found in the pellets we were unable to identify 104 to the level of genus or species because the identifying elements of the skull, primarily the teeth, were

Table 1. Frequency of prey in Long-eared Owl pellets in Mary Jones Richardson Park in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood during the winter of 2007-2008.

Prey identification	*Number of skulls found*	*Percentage of total identified prey*
Peromyscus sp.	*65*	*20.8%*
Mus/Peromyscus sp.	*30*	*9.6%*
Mictrotus pennsylvanicus	*159*	*51.0%*
Microtus sp.	*40*	*12.8%*
Rattus norvegicus	*17*	*5.5%*
Emberizidae sp.	*1*	*0.3%*
Total identified skulls	*312*	

missing. These unidentified prey remains are not included in Table 1.

There is relatively little published data on Long-eared Owl feeding ecology in Illinois (e.g. Cahn and Kemp 1930; Birkenholz 1958; Graber 1962; Merritt 2011; Engel et al. 2015). Some of these studies report *Microtus* as the dominant prey (Birkenholz 1958; Graber 1962), while others found *Peromyscus* to be most common (Cahn and Kemp 1930; Merritt 2011). In general, those two rodent genera dominated the owls' diets, with other rodents, shrews, and birds comprising the remainder. Just one of these studies examined the diet of urban-dwelling Long-eared Owls, a single bird in Evanston's James Park (Merritt 2011), which found that *Peromyscus* accounted for 67% of the prey and *Microtus* made up the other 33%.

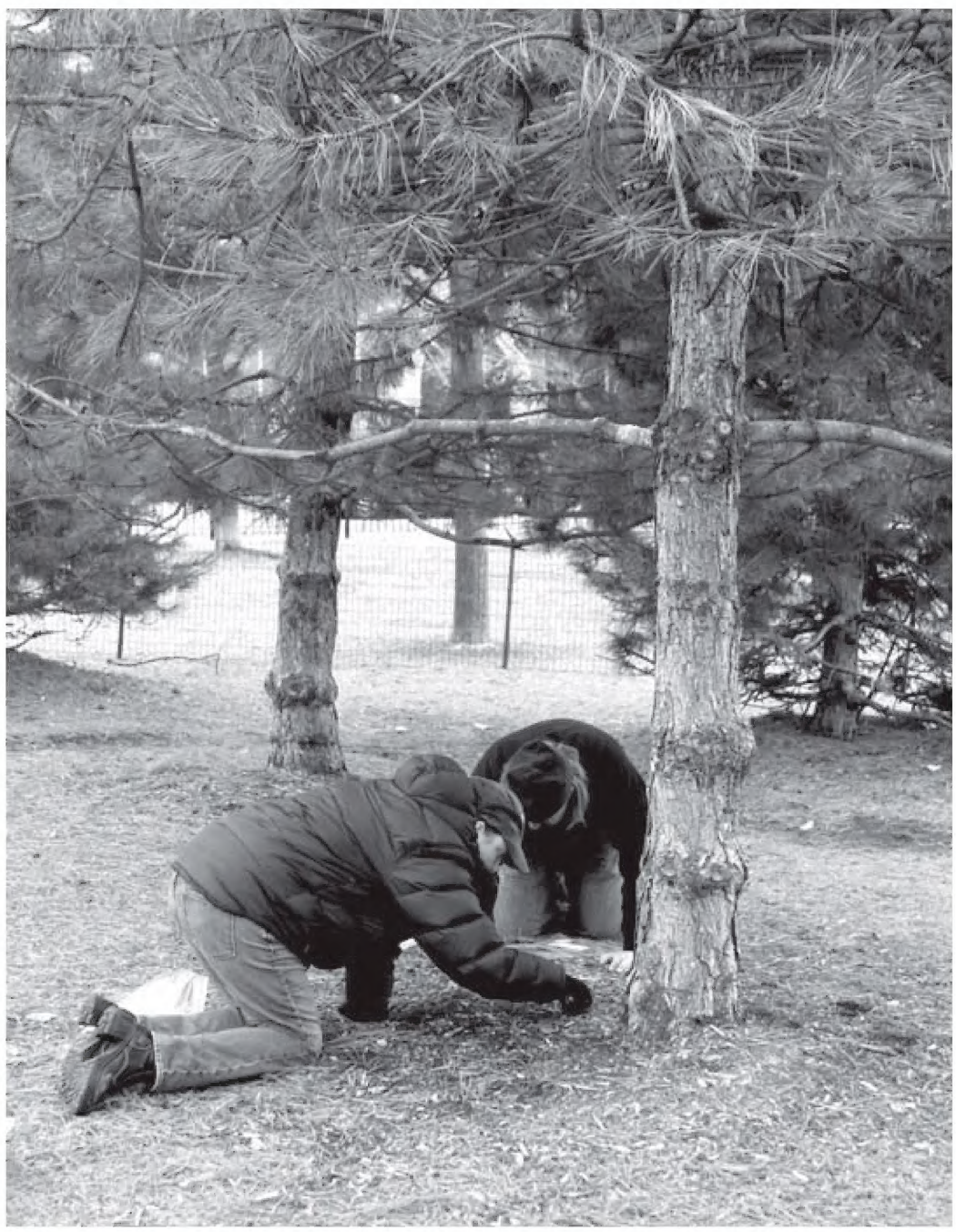

Figure 2. Stephanie Ware (left) and Tom Gnoske collect the pellets used in the study. Photo by Sean Ware.

The diversity of mammalian prey was likely limited by the urban environment in which the South Loop owls resided. Northeast Illinois is home to two species of *Peromyscus* (deer mouse *P. maniculatus* and white-footed mouse *P. leucopus*) and three species of *Microtus* (meadow vole *M. pennsylvanicus*, prairie vole *M. ochrogaster*, and pine vole *M. pinetorum*), as well as the introduced house mouse *Mus musculus* and brown rat *Rattus norvegicus* (Hoffmeister 1989). Because of the difficulty in identifying related species, especially when the teeth were absent or in poor condition, we took a conservative approach and many of the prey items were identified only to genus (*Peromyscus sp.* or *Microtus sp.*) or related genera (*Paromyscus/Mus sp.*)

The most common prey for the South Loop Long-eared Owls was meadow vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*), which made up 51% of the total prey that the owls consumed (see Table 1). Additional *Microtus*, which we were unable to identify to species but were presumably *M. pennsylvanicus*, made up another 13% of their prey. Overall, *Microtus* comprised about 64% of the Long-eared Owls' prey. The second most abundant prey in the pellets was *Peromyscus sp.*, which made up about 21% of the prey. *Mus/Peromyscus sp.* made up almost 10% of the prey, the introduced brown rat (*Rattus norvegicus*) made up 5% of the pellet contents, and a single unidentified sparrow skull was also found.

These results are consistent with previous studies of Long-eared Owl diet in the Midwest, most of which show that *Microtus* is the dominant prey item, followed by *Peromyscus*. However, given the urban environment in which these owls resided, there were some differences. For example, the Jones Park owls preyed on rats, a typical rodent of urban areas. By contrast, they did not consume shrews as they have been shown to do in more rural

areas (Graber 1962; Engel et al. 2015), perhaps because the urban habitat is not suitable for shrews.

This paper adds to the body of literature documenting the diet of Long-eared Owls in the Midwest. It also demonstrates the ecological importance of even small areas of undeveloped land in urban settings, which here provided enough food to support a wintering group of Long-eared Owls. While speculative, the presence of the owls (and their subsequent absence before and after) may be directly related to prey density in such undeveloped landscapes. Because of news media coverage of the owls, they became a symbol of urban wildlife, albeit one that is becoming increasingly rare without suitable undeveloped habitat for their prey species.

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President's Message, continued from inside front cover

Over the weekend, reports came in that birders from Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Nebraska had all seen the bird. Killer photos of an adult Ivory Gull were circulating through cyberspace at what seemed like breakneck speed. Here's the gull flying, swimming, eating, sitting on the ice, sitting on buildings. I tried to remain positive, but my hopes were dropping as fast as the single digit temperature outside. Kansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Texas. There were pictures of happy birders, seemingly oblivious to the cold, high-fiving, mugging for the cameras.

"No way this bird was going to make it to the following weekend," I thought. So many long distance vagrants don't survive. There are well known stories of rarities taken by predators, starving to death, or worse, flying away! I needed a birding miracle and needed one now.

And then, out of nowhere, on the frigid evening of Tuesday, January 6th, it came in the form of a pre-recorded message on my voice mail. The computer generated voice almost sounded angelic.

"Due to severe weather, school will not be in session on Wednesday, January 7th, 2015. School will resume on Thursday unless otherwise notified."

What?! Evanston schools never close! I can't even remember our last snow day. Operation Quest for Quincy was back in business. "Honey, can Jake and I go to Quincy, tomorrow?" "Sure. Just be back in time for dinner." This was too good to be true.

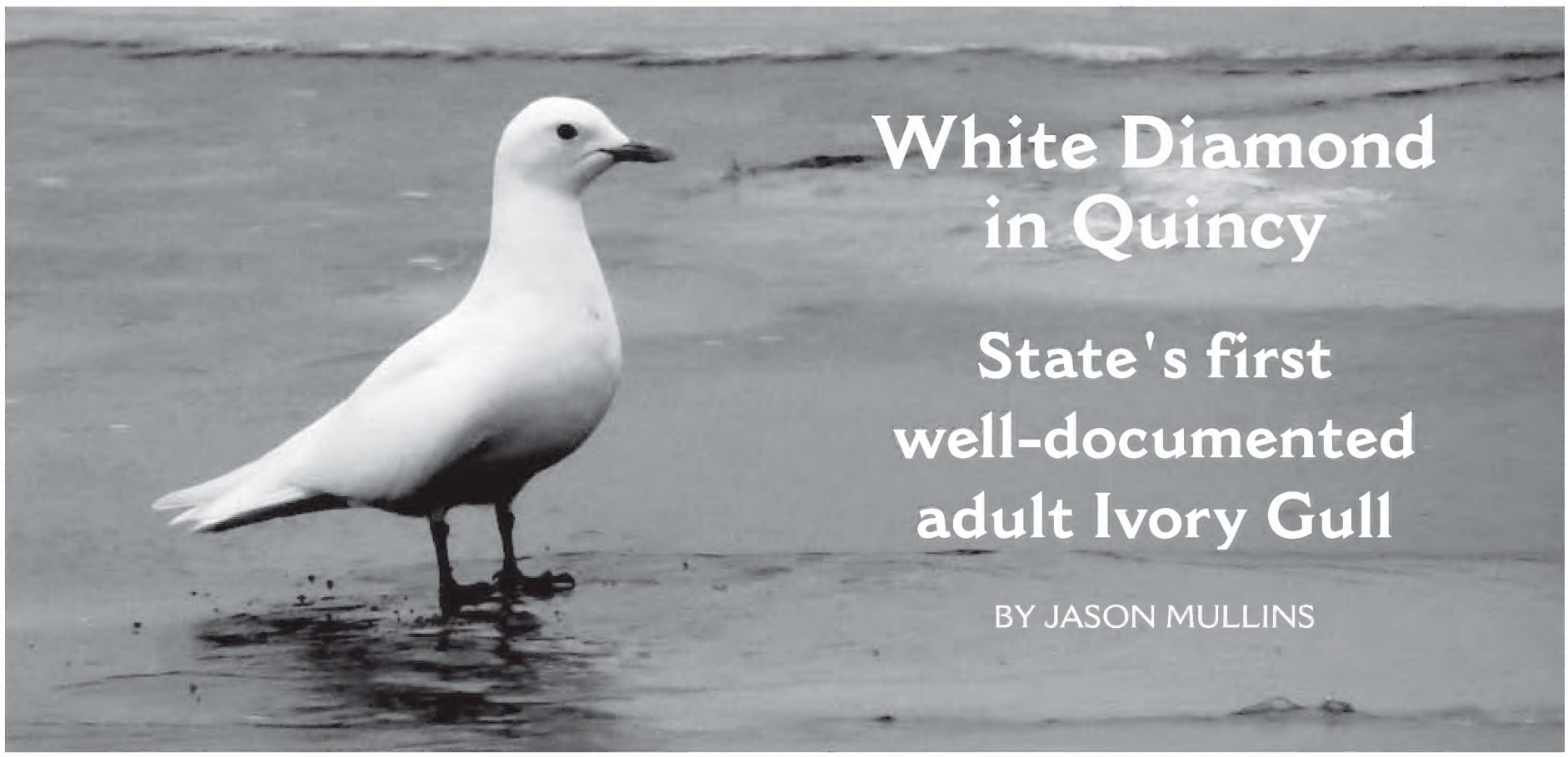
The rest of the evening was a complete blur. I cleared what I could of my work schedule, took a vacation day, and set my out office notifications. Jake and I packed our optics, cameras, a few snacks, and went to bed early.

The next morning Jake and I raced to Quincy in the predawn light. During our trip, we constantly checked for posts of sightings and kept in close touch with the Kaspers, other Chicago area birders headed to see the gull. We arrived at Quinsippi Island about noon and quickly found birders. That's a good sign. Before the car was even in park, the doors flew open and there was the gull, flying in circles around the harbor! It dipped into what little open water remained to grab a fish and then came to rest on the roof of a boat dock building. Wow!

After about an hour of watching the gull and congratulating each other, we realized how bitterly cold it was. We hurried back to the car and cranked the heat. I couldn't feel my fingers and a tear rolled down my cheek. But, we had seen the bird!

What were the chances?

Matthew Cvetas



White Diamond in Quincy

State's first well-documented adult Ivory Gull

BY JASON MULLINS

First documented adult Ivory Gull for Illinois. 2 January 2015.
Photo by Brandon Stiehl

Birders all want to find that new species for their life lists. As such, we study field guides, memorize bird songs and put long hours in the field. But another factor to consider is luck. Even the hardcore, veteran birders realize luck plays a huge roll.

Let's face it, if you're not in the right place at the right time all the experience in the world means little. For example, Illinois' first documented Ivory Gull was found as Dave Bohlen slipped on some ice, fell and looked up to see an Ivory Gull flying directly over his head (Bohlen 1991, pers. comm.. S. Bailey).

Speaking of being in the right place at the right time, that's where this story begins.

Little did I realize that on the afternoon of 2 January 2015 I would stumble across a bird of a lifetime, a bird that has not made it onto many birders' life lists, a bird that is not seen very often in the lower 48 states and a bird that will draw in hundreds of birders from many states including Montana, Ohio, Nebraska and Texas to name a few. I am referring to the Ivory Gull (Pagophila eburnea).

This immaculately white gull lives in the extreme North. It has short black legs and black feet and a small bill with a yellowish orange tip. In North America it only breeds in the Canadian Arctic. Occasionally a vagrant will show up in the United States but most of the time the Ivory Gull migrates only short distances south in autumn, and most of the population winters at the edge of the pack ice in northern latitudes. Its diet consists of fish, crustaceans, rodents and eggs. It's also an opportunistic scavenger feeding on seal carcasses and has even been known to follow polar bears around waiting for their turn at the remains of the polar bear's kill.

As of 2012, Birdlife International estimated the world population of Ivory Gulls to be between 19,000 and 27,000 individuals. (via web: https://oceanwide-expeditions.com/to-do/wildlife/ivory-gull-1). These birds nest in Russia, Severnaya Zemlya Archipelago, Franz Josef Land and Victoria Island, Greenland and Canada.

Given the small population, northerly locations and the fact that they rarely migrate southward, seeing this white diamond in Quincy, IL is very special indeed.

That unforgettable Friday I was driving to Quincy Lock and Dam looking for waterfowl to add to my 2015 state bird list. As I approached the lock I noticed dark birds (likely Mallards) sitting on the ice so I pulled the car over, rolled down the window and scanned the area. Immediately I noticed a single white gull sitting near the ducks which I thought could be an Iceland Gull. My 8 power binoculars were just enough to notice the black legs and feet. I got out of the car and walked a little closer and noticed possibly a little yellow on the tip of his bill. My field guide was in the car and I did not want to lose sight of this gull so I called Phil Reyburn, a birder friend of mine, who came down a few minutes later. I also texted Jim Funk, another veteran birder: "What's an all white gull maybe some yellow in bill, black legs and feet?" Waiting for his response the gull then flew toward me, then turned at the riverbank heading north giving me a fantastic look. Most birders understand that even though you do not have any field experience with a certain species, you just know what it is. Countless hours of flipping through field guides burns the images into your brain. With that being said, I knew it had to be an Ivory Gull because no other species with these field marks came to mind. I went to the car, grabbed my field guide, turned to the Ivory Gull and my heart started pounding!

Moments before Phil showed up and I came to my senses, my heart sank as I realized I may never locate this gull again. I explained to Phil what I saw and what I thought it was. Jim Funk was texting me and asking questions trying not to rule out perhaps Iceland. A veteran like him knows that you just don't find an Ivory Gull in Illinois very often so the more likely species would be an Iceland Gull which can be quite variable. In between texts, Phil and I went north and pulled into the South Side Boat Club to get a decent view of the river both ways, but alas, no gull. We decided to go up the road a little farther north to Edgewater Park just south of Quincy Memorial Bridge. Over the water and slightly downstream I spotted the gull heading toward us but it then started to fly back down river. Phil got a brief look and he said "I think that just might be an Ivory!"

After giving my description to Jim Funk and mentioning that Phil and I both thought it was an Ivory Gull, his next text, which occurred at 2:19 p.m., read: "Well, I would raise a cautious flag and alert the troops. I am going to head your way!"

Next, Adam Reyburn, Phil's son, showed up and we all headed to the dam. I explained to Adam what I saw and he says there really is no other gull that matches that description. Arriving at the dam, Phil called his friend, Jim Mountjoy, an ornithologist and associate professor of biology at Knox College in Galesburg, IL. I give my description to him and he felt confident that it is indeed an Ivory Gull. Of course, in the birding world, a rarity such as this better be backed up with a photo, otherwise, you might be accused of just leaving the tavern.

Adam then had to get back to work. Phil headed back up toward the bridge while I decided to hang back at the dam just in case. A short time later Jim pulled up in his car and I explained the situation and that we were trying to relocate the bird. As Jim got out of his car and started setting up his spotting scope, my phone rang and Phil exclaimed, "I have it on the ice next to the Pier Restaurant. It's an Ivory Gull, it's an Ivory Gull!" Jim and I jumped in our cars and took off toward The Pier Restaurant, slightly over the speed limit.

Phil was standing just on the north side of the restaurant with a big smile on his face and his spotting scope affixed on the gull 50 yards away sitting on the ice. We all got spectacular views. As I looked through Phil's scope the image of this gull was forever burned into my memory. The gull flew a bit and landed on the south side of the building next to the bank. Then after making a few more aerial maneuvers it landed back down on the ice where we found him.

The folks from The Pier Restaurant were wondering what all the commotion was about. After we explained what we had found and how rare the Ivory Gull is, they seemed almost as excited as we were. They invited us to climb up the stairs to the top to get a better look and even asked if we wanted to go inside to warm up a bit. But at that moment, the cold didn't matter. Nothing mattered.

Adam Reyburn returned to see the bird. I also contacted Brandon Stehl and Al Dierkes, two more local birders and told them about our unbelievable find. Brandon arrived on the scene first and suddenly became the most important birder in our group, since he was the only one with a camera. Within the hour pictures were sent to Jim Mountjoy who posted them on www.ilbirds.com and from then on news spread like a western brushfire blown by a stiff breeze. I think it is safe to say that hundreds migrated to Quincy, IL to witness this bleach-white beauty and take more photographs.

I'm so thankful and blessed to have been able to share what I have found, thankful for all the new birders I have met and grateful to know others in my area who are as passionate about birding as I am.

The bird was seen until at least 5 January 2015 with many birders snapping photos and adding a new bird to their state life list.

It was the first well-documented adult-plumaged Ivory Gull for Illinois. A well-documented immature-plumaged Ivory Gull was discovered by Al Stokie on Christmas Day 1991 (Stokie 1992) at Chicago's Montrose Harbor in Cook County. It remained and was viewed by numerous birders near Burnham Harbor until 2 January 1992 (Walters 1992).

The previous sighting was just a year earlier in January 1991 at Lake Springfield (Bohlen 1991). Dennis Oehmke photographed the bird on 1 January 1991, exactly one year before the Chicago Ivory Gull was last seen.

A 1 January 1949 record has been classified as hypothetical by Bohlen (1989), but Eric Walters (1992) said that was likely the first record for Illinois and was identified by Chicago Ornithological Society members. Photos unfortunately were not taken of that bird, and Bohlen (1989) said "this record is very likely correct, but very little description was recorded for such a rare bird and certainly not enough to form the single basis of a state record."

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Examining the Role of Migratory Songbirds in the Spread of Lyme Disease in Illinois

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Introduction

Lyme disease is the most widespread and economically costly of the tick-borne diseases that afflict human health in North America (Piesman and Eisen 2008). This disease is caused by a bacteria which is transmitted to humans via the bite of an infected black-legged tick (Johnson et al. 1984). Both the tick and bacteria are expanding their geographic ranges in the Midwest, yet the patterns and mechanisms of invasion by this parasite and pathogen remain largely unclear. An important host for black-legged ticks is the white-tailed deer. These animals can move ticks into previously unoccupied habitats, but deer actually serve as poor reservoirs for the Lyme disease pathogen (Telford et al. 1988), so this bacteria most likely colonizes new areas via another mechanism.

Birds are capable of transporting diseases thousands of kilometers and may therefore play an important role in the range expansion of both the black-legged tick and the Lyme disease pathogen (Brinkerhoff et al. 2011a). The black-legged tick has been found to parasitize many different species of North American birds, and many are capable of infecting the black-legged tick with the Lyme disease bacteria. Most studies of black-legged tick parasitism on birds have occurred in areas where both the tick and the Lyme disease pathogen are endemic (e.g. Brinkerhoff et al. 2011b); few have been conducted in the Midwest. Several songbird species migrate during peak larval black-legged tick activity in the fall in the Midwest, so the migratory movements by birds may facilitate the southern spread of this tick and pathogen from the upper-Midwest. Additionally, songbirds could become infested with nymphal black-legged ticks during spring migration and infected with the bacteria at stopover sites in the southern U.S. on their way north, again facilitating the spread of Lyme disease.

The main objective of this research project was to assess the degree to which migrating songbirds serve as hosts that introduce black-legged ticks and the Lyme disease pathogen into previously unoccupied forest fragments in east-central Illinois, where the tick and pathogen are not yet established.

Figure 2. A tick attached to the inside of the ear canal of a House Wren.

Methods

Migrating songbirds were captured using mist nets at 15 different forest fragments throughout 5 different sampling regions in east-central Illinois (Fig. 1). Sampling regions were located in McLean, Piatt, Champaign, and Vermilion counties. Each site was visited twice during spring migration in 2013 and 2014, and fall migration in 2014. On sampling days, nets were opened at sunrise for approximately 5 hours and checked every 30 minutes. The bodies of all birds were carefully examined for ticks by inspecting their head, eyes, ears, and ear canals (areas where attached ticks are most commonly found; Fig. 2). Opti Visor

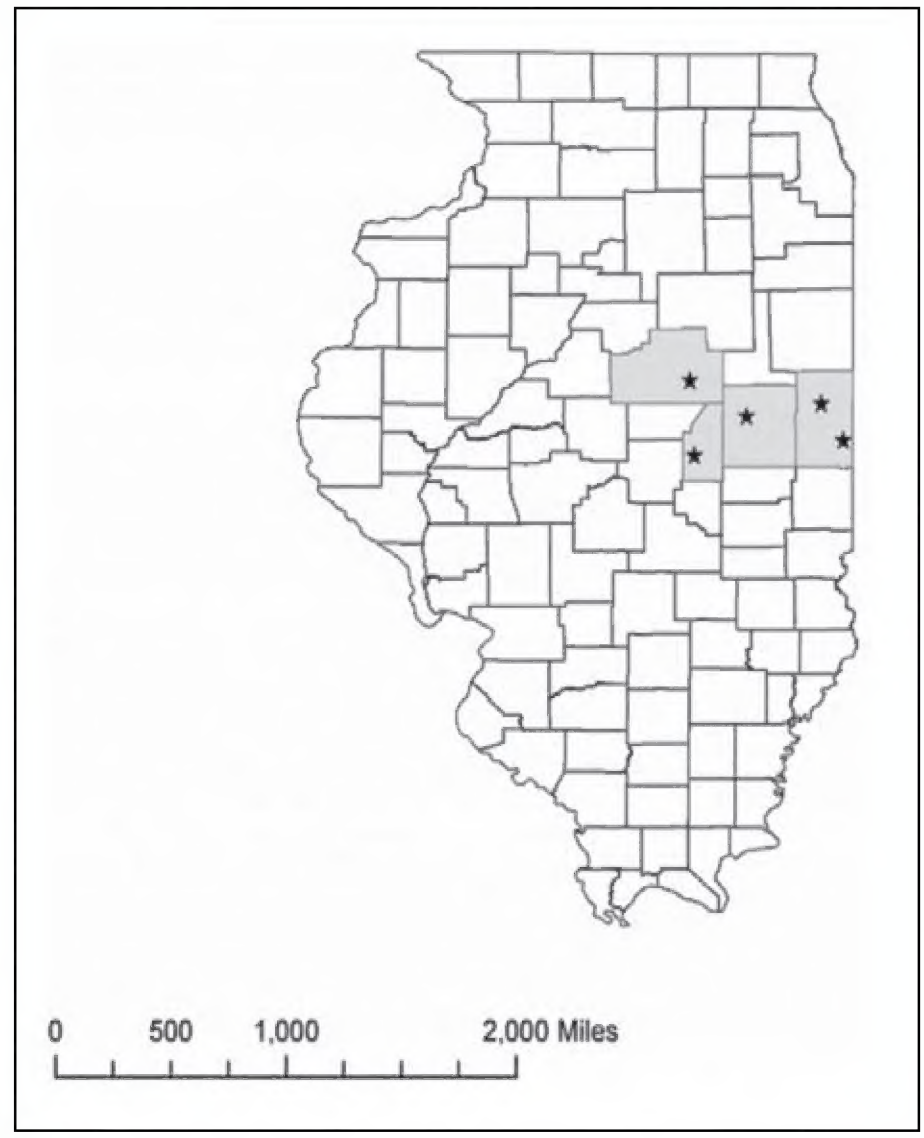

Figure 1. Each star represents three sampling locations where birds were captured in mist nets in 2013-2014. These locations were in in McLean, Piatt, Champaign, and Vermilion counties.

binocular magnifiers were used to aid in the discovery of ticks and their removal with forceps (Fig. 3). Ticks were then preserved in vials containing 70% ethanol. Blood was also taken from the brachial vein of select birds (Fig. 4) and stored in a freezer.

Ticks were later identified morphologically to species under a dissecting microscope. DNA was extracted from both black-legged ticks and bird blood samples. All blood samples were screened for the presence of the Lyme disease pathogen using a combination of PCR and gene sequencing following established protocols (Allan et al. 2010).

Results and Conclusions

Overall, 832 birds representing 74 species were checked for ticks. Black-legged ticks were found on 38 birds representing 15 different species (Table 1). Most of these avian species tend to spend a lot of time foraging or nesting on the ground or in shrubs where they could easily come into contact with ticks. These birds were infested with a total of 51 black-legged ticks. The vast majority of these ticks were found during spring as opposed to fall migration. While we did have two spring field seasons and only one fall field season, only 13.7% of the black-legged ticks were removed from birds in the fall.

Figure 3. With the help of an OptiVisor, field assistant Jack Stenger searches a thrush for black-legged ticks.

Table 1. The number of black-legged ticks found on 38 birds in 2013-2014 in central Illinois. The table is arranged by capture date.

Capture Date	Bird Species	Number of black-legged ticks removed
27-Apr-13	Brown Thrasher	2
29-Apr-13	Hermit Thrush	2
2-May-13	House Wren	1
4-May-13	Brown Thrasher	1
4-May-13	Gray-cheeked Thrush	1
6-May-13	American Robin	2
8-May-13	Gray Catbird	1
10-May-13	House Wren	1
10-May-13	Tufted Titmouse	1
10-May-13	Tufted Titmouse	2
13-May-13	Gray Catbird	1
13-May-13	House Wren	1
13-May-13	White-throated Sparrow	1
15-May-13	Northern Cardinal	1
15-May-13	Northern Cardinal	3
17-May-13	Song Sparrow	2
25-May-13	House Wren	1
25-May-13	Song Sparrow	1
25-May-13	Swainson's Thrush	1
28-May-13	Gray Catbird	1
5-Jun-13	Northern Cardinal	1
6-Sep-13	Ovenbird	2
30-Sep-13	Hermit Thrush	1
4-Oct-13	Eastern Towhee	1
11-Oct-13	Blue Jay	1
21-Oct-13	Blue Jay	2
21-Apr-14	American Robin	2
21-Apr-14	Brown Thrasher	3
30-Apr-14	Hermit Thrush	1
30-Apr-14	White-throated Sparrow	1
7-May-14	House Wren	3
7-May-14	House Wren	1
7-May-14	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1
12-May-14	Brown Thrasher	2
18-May-14	Swainson's Thrush	1
22-May-14	Northern Cardinal	1

Figure 4. Blood is collected from the brachial vein of an Ovenbird.

It should be noted that we also sampled the forest floor of these sites for the presence of black-legged ticks during the study. While black-legged ticks were absent from most sites, as we had anticipated, some black-legged ticks were found at a few, particularly those in Vermilion County. It is therefore possible that some of the black-legged ticks found on the birds were acquired locally. However, black-legged ticks were found on a number of birds captured in areas without black-legged ticks, indicating that birds can indeed facilitate the movement of the tick that carries the Lyme disease pathogen.

Blood samples are still being processed. However, preliminary data collected in 2012 during fall migration in central Illinois indicate that our novel combination of pathogen detection techniques is indeed informative. During this pilot study, 29 blood samples were tested for the presence of the Lyme disease pathogen. Nine of these birds were infected with the bacteria, even though black-legged ticks were attached on only one of these individuals. The finding that 31% of the songbirds tested positive for the Lyme disease pathogen is much higher than any reported in the literature, and it would have gone unnoticed had only ticks been screened. This striking finding indicates that testing larval ticks for the Lyme bacteria may underestimate the true prevalence of this pathogen in birds and that migrating songbirds may be playing a more important role in the spread of Lyme disease than has been previously thought.

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The 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count

Wild Turkeys on Christmas Bird Count. Kickapoo State Park. Vermilion County. 12 December 2014.

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The 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count period was considerably milder than the previous one. Six counts reported highs of at least 50 degrees, with Cypress Creek and Western Mercer County both reaching 56. Only six counts failed to reach the freezing mark, with Hennepin and Princeton-Camanche the coldest at 27 degrees. Twenty-nine counts had above-freezing lows. It was quite windy across the state, with 27 counts reporting wind gusts of at least 15 mph. Elsah reported gusts of 20 mph, while Springfield reached 36 mph. Despite the warmer weather, only 161 species were recorded, the same number as counted during the 2013/2014 period. One species, the Wilson's Warbler at Kankakee County, was only reported during count week. Carlyle led the way with 103 species for the day, while Meredosia's three count-week birds pushed the tally to 103.

Sixty-six counts reported again this year, with a total of 1,168 observers contributing 3,460 hours over 20,196 miles. Two-hundred-thirty feeder hours were reported by 205 observers, while 222 nocturnal hours were logged. As always, Fermilab led the way with 106 observers (down four from the prevous year). Only two counts reached 20 feeder observers, Quincy with 21 and Waukegan with 64. The highlight of the count season has to be the Sage Thrasher discovered on the Hennepin count.

Ducks through Herons

Waterfowl numbers rebounded from last year's poor showing, with 26,450 Greater White-fronted Geese at Chautauqua, 216,844 Snow Geese at Carlyle (and another 186,613 at Chautauqua), and 137 Ross's Geese across the state. There were 1,348 Tundra Swans reported on eight counts, including 88 at Chautauqua and 1,144 at Clinton, while only 146 Mute Swans were recorded, on 18 counts. A total of 605 Trumpeter Swans, on the other hand, was a new record high. Of those, 207 were at Union County. Notable ducks included four Blue-winged Teal at Morris-Wilmington, a lone Harlequin Duck at Barrington, a Surf Scoter at Evanston, and two Black Scoters at Springfield. Five counts reported a total of 18 Long-tailed Ducks, only one of them along Lake Michigan!

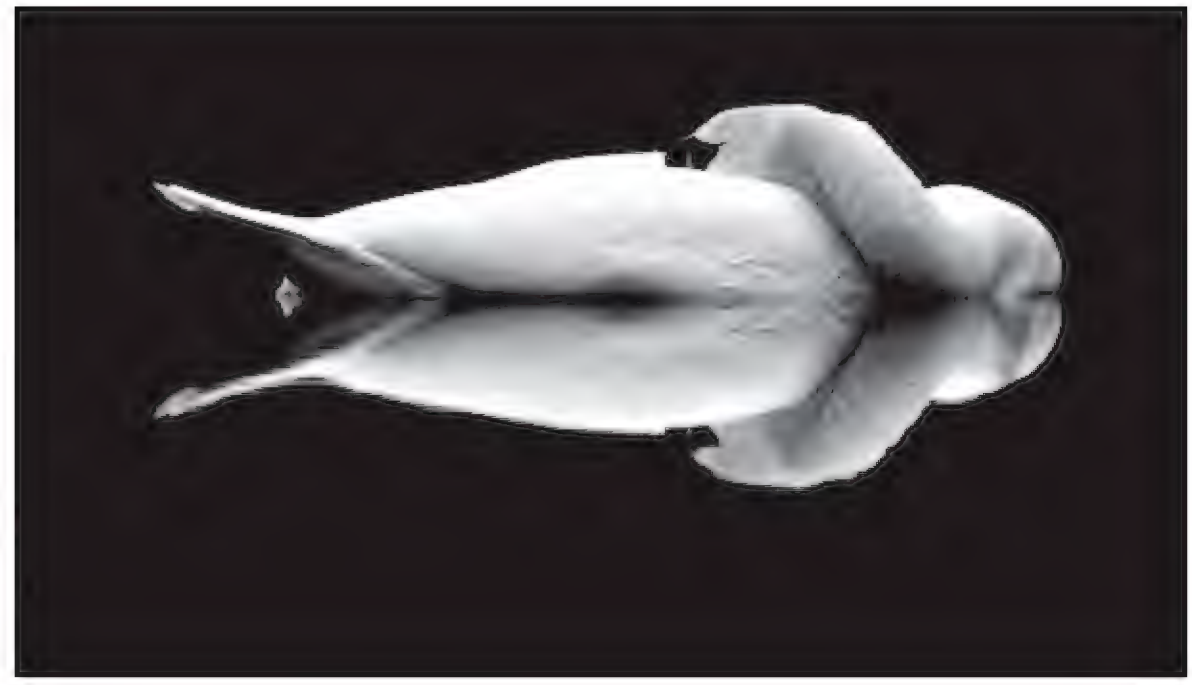
Ring-necked Pheasants were particularly difficult to find, with 110 on 26 counts, but Newton reported 63 Greater Prairie-Chickens – a nice improvement over the last couple of counts. Northern Bobwhites also showed some improvement, with 124 on 16 counts. Three counts had solo Red-throated Loons while seven counts reported a total of 10 Common Loons. Ten counts reported a total of 80 Horned Grebes, with 33 at Rend Lake (along with 60 Pied-billed Grebes). Observers recorded 137 American White Pelicans on eight counts. Four counts reported Great Egrets, with two at Marquette Park, but in defiance of the conditions. Only two counts recorded Black-crowned Night-Herons, both near Chicago: Chicago Urban with 11 and Fermilab with one.

Raptors through Woodpeckerss

Bald Eagle numbers returned to normal, with 1,821 on 63 counts. That means only three counts failed to find them – quite a change from a few years ago! Bald Bluff reported the only Northern Goshawk. Collinsville reported one Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk. Union County, Western Mercer County, and Mississippi River NWR reported Golden Eagles, and Rockford had a count-week Golden. All 62 counts reported American Kestrel, 19 counts reported Merlin, and 12 reported Peregrine Falcon.

Only 11 counts reported Sandhill Cranes, but the 932 at Evanston pushed the state total to 1,033! Only four counts reported Wilson's Snipe, and Cypress Creek reported the only American Woodcock. Seven counts reported Thayer's Gulls and three reported Iceland Gulls. Nine counts reported Lesser Black-backed Gulls, seven reported Glaucous Gulls, and five reported Great Black-backed Gulls.

Eurasian Collared-Dove was reported on 37 counts, but the Ringed Turtle Doves in Joliet were down to



Mute Swan
on Christmas Bird Count.
Kickapoo State Park.
Vermilion County.
12 December 2014.
Photo by Rob Kanter.

two individuals reported. Three counts recorded a total of 45 Monk Parakeets. Carlyle Lake reported a Barn Owl, and three counts reported a total of six Snowy Owls. Ten counts reported Long-eared, 13 counts reported Short-eared, and 11 counts reported 18 Northern Saw-whet Owls.

Flycatchers through Finches

Nine counts reported Eastern Phoebes, with Calumet City having the northernmost. Only four counts reported five Loggerhead Shrikes and only nine counts reported Northern Shrikes. Red-breasted Nuthatches were down, with 31 counts reporting a total of 89 birds. Two counts reported solo House Wrens, and Newton had a Sedge Wren. Bird Haven Sanctuary had the only Gray Catbird. A Sage Thrasher was discovered on the Hennepin count. Five counts reported a total of nine American Pipits. Fermilab had an Orange-crowned Warbler and a Common Yellowthroat, while Kankakee Valley had a count-week Wilson's Warbler. Four counts reported Vesper Sparrows and two had Le Conte's. Two counts reported Lincoln's Sparrow as well, and two counts reported Oregon Dark-eyed Juncos. Lapland Longspurs were only reported on 28 counts, while 12 counts had Snow Buntings. Two counts reported Western Meadowlarks, and four reported a total of seven Brewer's Blackbirds. Finches were down overall, with five Red Crossbill showing up at Chautauqua and two White-winged Crossbills at Eastern Mercer County. Only nine counts reported Common Redpolls. Pine Siskins were present in better numbers, with 51 counts reporting 1630. Eurasian Tree Sparrows continue to spread, reported from 25 count.

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Sage Thrasher was documented
on the 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count.
23 December 2014 in Putnam County.
It was the seventh record
for the state of Illinois.
Photo by John Picken.

Sage Thrasher was documented
on the 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count.
Putnam County. 21 December 2014.
Photo by Urs Geiser

Table 1. Count circles, abbreviations, weather and effort, and compilers for the 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count in Illinois.

Count Name	Code	Count Date	Temp		Wind	Wind	Speed	Snow	Water		Sky Conditions		Field	Total	Party	Party	Feeder	Feeder	Owling	Owling	Compiler	Area
			Low	High	Direction	Low	High	Depth			Morning	Afternoon	Observers	Parties	Hours	Miles	Observ-ers	Hours	Hours	Miles		
Andalusia	ILAN	12/24/2014	34	37	North	0	15	0	Open	Open	Cloudy, Light Rain	Cloudy, Light Rain	9	4	38.75	331.25			6		Kelly J. McKay	
Barrington	ILBA	12/15/2014	41	46	South	11	17	0	Partly Open	Open	Cloudy, Light Rain	Cloudy, Light Rain	28	15	75.5	213	6	9.5	0.5	0.1	Duane Heaton	
Big Rock	ILBR	12/14/2014	43	50	South	5	10		Open	Open	Cloudy	Foggy	24	8	47	197.11	1	4	3	16.5	Timothy Balassie	
Calumet City Sand Ridge	ILCR	12/27/2014	33	48	Southwest	5	23		Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	36	11	52.75	230	4	5			Carolyn Marsh	
Chicago Lakefront	ILCL	12/25/2014	33	42	Southwest	11	17	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	25	5	29.25	70.62			1	1	Joel Greenberg	
Chicago (urban)	ILCU	12/14/2014	46	53	Southwest	2	12	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	36	15	70	237	5	5	4	4	Jeffrey Sanders	
Clinton, Iowa	CL IA	12/16/2014	30	43	Northwest	13	24	0	Open	Open	Cloudy, Rain	Cloudy	13		45.25						Kelly J. McKay	N
Davenport, Iowa	DA IA	12/14/2014	42	52	West Northwest	10	29	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	25		71.5						Kelly J. McKay	
Evanston (north shore)	ILEN	12/27/2014	31	49	Southwest	0	25	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	47	20	96.02	350.25	12	16	8.83		Tim Wallace	O
Fermilab Batavia	ILFB	12/20/2014	24	33	South	4	9	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	106	40	216.5	795	1	2	37.5		Jeff Chapman	
Freeport	ILFR	12/14/2014	41	48	South	0	5	0	Partly Open	Open	Foggy	Foggy	16	5	37.69	481.5	4	5	1	34.5	Richard Benning	R
Hennepin	ILHP	12/18/2014	18	27	Northwest	0	5	0	Partly Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	7	4	33.75	301		0	3.25	34.5	John McKee	
Illini S.P.	ILIL	1/1/2015	32	39	South	8	18	0	Frozen	Open	Clear	Clear	12	5	40.5	496.5	3	11.5	2		Jim Hampson	T
Joliet	ILJO	12/20/2014	29	34	Southwest	5	5	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Rain	18	8	57.5	274.5	2	2			Gregory Bluhm	
Kankakee Valley	ILKV	12/27/2014	17	30	South	15	25	0	Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Rain/Snow	12	11	67.15	446	3	4.25	9.42		Jed Hertz	H
Kishwaukee	ILKI	12/20/2014	24	32	Northwest	0	5	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	36	21	126.5	749.75	4	5.5	13	20.5	Barbara Williams	
Lisle Arboretum	ILLA	12/14/2014	46	49	Southwest	5	10	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	81	32	172.32	671.35	10	22.75	12.33	55.3	Geoffrey Williamson	
Lyndon	ILLY	12/28/2014	17	35	West	15	18		Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy, Light Rain	Cloudy, Light Rain	7	3	17.5	299			2.5		Dustin Holschuh	
McHenry County	ILMC	12/20/2014	30	32	Northwest	0	4	0	Partly Open	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy	36	16	85.4	619.2	5	9	1	0.5	Rob Gough	
Morris Wilmington	ILMW	1/3/2015	32	35	Northwest	1	8	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy, Rain	Cloudy, Rain	10	4	24.45	256	1	3			Bill Morris	
Muscatine	MU IA	12/23/2014	40	45	Southwest	5	18				Cloudy	Cloudy	11		48.5						Kelly J. McKay	
Princeton Camanche	PC IA	12/18/2014	17	27	Northwest	1	7				Cloudy	Cloudy	8		47						Kelly J. McKay	
Rock Cut S.P.	ILRC	12/27/2014	30	48	Northwest	3	20	2	Partly Frozen	Partly Frozen	Foggy, Light Rain	Partly Cloudy, Light Rain	12	5	20.25	229.5	10	4	1.5	3	Larry McPheron	
Rockford	ILRO	12/14/2014	43	48	Southeast	5	10	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Foggy	Foggy	48	26	140.25	759.25	8	12.25	10	49.75	Dan Williams	
Schapville	ILSC	12/16/2014	36	40	Northwest	5	15	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy, Light Rain	Cloudy, Light Snow	21	6	22.5	294.5	1	3	0.5		Terrence Ingram	
Starved Rock S.P.	ILSR	12/21/2014	32	39	South	8	18	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	10	5	41.5	394		0	1.75	34	John McKee	
Thorn Creek Park Forest	ILTC	1/3/2015	29	34	North	0	10	0	Partly Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy, Light Rain/ Snow	Cloudy, Light Snow	34	34	74.7	429.5					Al Thomas	
Van Petten	ILVP	12/21/2014	32	38	South	5	20	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	9	4	41	272			4.25		Kelly J. McKay	
Waukegan	ILWA	1/1/2015	13	30	Southwest	10	22	0	Partly Open	Partly Frozen	Clear	Partly Cloudy	36	20	89.75	333.8	64	0	6.5	35	Joel Greenberg	
White Pines S.P. Nachusa	ILWP	12/21/2014	32	39	Southeast	12	20		Frozen	Partly Frozen	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	12	5	41.95	374.62			3.75	32.25	Eric Walters	
Bald Bluff	ILBB	12/15/2014	36	42	East	10	10		Open	Open	Cloudy, Light Rain	Cloudy, Light Rain	6	4	35.25	253.75			6	68	Cathleen Monson	
Bloomington Normal	ILBN	12/14/2014	44	46	South	11	20	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	9	9	61	246		0			Dale Birkenholz	C
Bushnell	ILBU	12/20/2014	30	36	Southeast	0	9	0	Unknown	Unknown	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	3	3	29	240					Daniel Moorehouse	
Champaign County	ILCC	12/20/2014	23	34	Southeast	2	6	3	Partly Frozen	Partly Open	Clear	Partly Cloudy	18	10	42	118.5	1	2	1	15	Helen Parker	E
Chautauqua N.W.R.	ILCA	12/27/2014	39	48	West	12	16		Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Rain	9	4	35.25	257	1	2	1	6	Sigurd Bjorkland	
Clinton Lake	ILCT	12/21/2014	29	38	Southeast	7	14	0	Partly Open	Open	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	2	2	18.25	194			1.5	2	Rhetta Jack	N
Coles Cumberland	ILCD	12/14/2014	41	48	South	0	9	0	Open	Open	Foggy	Foggy	11	10	41.75	214		3	1	0.5	Laurence Thorsen	
Decatur	ILDE	12/20/2014	27	36	Southeast	6	15		Open	Open	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	13	7	19.96	64.75	4	4			Ross Thompson	T
Eastern Knox County	ILEK	12/17/2014	16	28	West	7	15	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	11	7	69.3	461.1			6.5	88.2	Jim Mountjoy	
Eastern Mercer County	ILEM	1/2/2015	13	38	Southeast	3	10		Partly Open	Partly Open	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	9	4	38	256.5			9	76	Cathleen Monson	R
Forest Glen Preserve	ILFG	12/17/2014	29	31	West	0	5	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	13	7	27.25	273		2			Marilyn Campbell	
Meredosia Island	ILMI	12/14/2014	46	51	Calm	1	1		Open	Open	Foggy	Cloudy	9	5	50	479					Tony Ward	A
Middle Fork River Valley	ILMF	12/14/2014	45	48	Calm	0	0	0	Unknown	Unknown	Cloudy, Light Rain	Cloudy	16	8	60	370.5			4.25	46	Steven Bailey	
Peoria	ILPE	12/20/2014	28	35	Calm	0	0	0	Partly Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy	18	7	60.75	392.75	3	5	1.5		Mike Miller	L
Quincy	ILQU	12/20/2014	31	32	South	5	7		Partly Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy	15	7	44.5	351.5	21	30	1	1	Ken Heinze	
Rushville	ILRU	12/20/2014	31	37	Southeast	4	5	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	5	5	8.75	78.25	9	15.5	3		Harold Hedden	
Springfield	ILSP	1/4/2015	10	35	Northwest	16	36	0.01	Partly Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Snow	18	10	69	421	6	12	5	24	H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer County	ILWM	12/26/2014	40	56	Southwest	5	20	0	Open	Open	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	10	5	53.75	387.5			9		Kelly J. McKay	
Baldwin Lake Kaskaskia River Valley	ILBL	12/20/2014	34	39	Unknown	2	8	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	12	6	34.97	208.5	4	5.5	0.5	21	Tim Dever	
Bird Haven Sanctuary, Olney	ILBH	12/20/2014	24	36	Southeast	0	15		Open	Open	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	16	8	37.5	403.75	1	7	0.5		Frank Storment	
Carlyle Lake	ILCE	12/23/2014	42	48	West	3	5	0	Open	Open	Clear	Partly Cloudy	10	6	56.95	440.5		0	3.5		Dan Kassebaum	S
Collinsville	ILCV	12/21/2014	35	43	Southeast	3	7	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	14	7	43.45	355.3	2	4	1		Frank Holmes	
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	ILCO	12/21/2014	20	38	Calm	0	2	0	Partly Frozen	Partly Open	Partly Cloudy, Light Rain	Partly Cloudy	8	4	42.5	233	1	1	1.5	24	Mike Brown	O
Cypress Creek	ILCY	12/15/2014	43	56	Southeast	0	10		Open	Open	Partly Cloudy, Light Rain	Partly Cloudy	12	6	46.85	220.65					Jeff Hoover	
Elsah	ILEL	12/16/2014	32	40	Northwest	20	30	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	4	3	16	54	1	2	1.5	13	Mary Jane Hoff	U
Horseshoe Lake	ILHL	12/28/2014	34	41	North	5	10		Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	15	7	54.5	310.5	1	0	5		Vernon Kleen	
Jackson County	ILJC	1/1/2015	23	39	Southwest	8	16	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Clear	Clear	8	5	44.83	315.1	1	2	5	52	Rhonda S. Rothrock	T
Mermet Lake, Massac County	ILML	12/30/2014	25	37	North	6	14	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Clear	Clear	10	5	27.83	215.2	1	2	1.5	10	Frank Bennett	
Middle Mississippi River N.W.R.	ILMM	12/19/2014	32	40	North	0	5	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	9	4	34.7	274.25		0			John Hartleb	H
Monroe County	ILME	12/16/2014	37	38	West	12	19	0	Open	Open	Cloudy, Light Rain	Cloudy	4	2	12	74	2	5	1.5		Carl Daubach	
Newton	ILNE	12/23/2014	46	49	Southwest	0	8	0	Open	Open	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	7	3	23	217			3.5	25	Jeff Walk	
Pere Marquette Park	ILPM	12/20/2014	35	44	Calm	3	5	0	Open	Open	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	17	7	48.75	266.16					Robert Thomas	
Rend Lake	ILRL	12/20/2014	33	41	East	3	5		Open	Open	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	6	4	37.5	351			6.5	68	Keith A. McMullen	
Shelbyville Reservoir	ILSH	1/2/2015	30	37	South	3	10	0	Partly Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Rain	8	7	62	500		0	3.25	25	Travis Mahan	
Union County	ILUC	12/29/2014	31	41	West	3	5		Partly Frozen	Open	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	16	11	72.25	383	1	0	4		Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley Sanctuary	ILWV	12/20/2014	34	46	Northeast	3	6	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Clear	12	7	28.45	209.25	1	2			Andrea Douglas	

Table 2. Data for the 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count – North region – North of I-80

Species Name	ANDA	BARR	BGRK	CALU	CHIU	CHLK	CL IA	DA IA	DECA	EVNS	FERM	FREE	HENN	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KISH	LISL	LYND	MCHE	MOWI	MU IA	PC IA	RCSP	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPF	VANP	WAUK	WTPN
Greater White-fronted Goose	0	0	1	0	0	0	60	33	0	0	0	0	476	0	22	39	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	300	1	0
Snow Goose	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	221	16	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0
Ross's Goose	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cackling Goose	3	0	31	0	1	0	3	51	0	0	22	0	0	42	94	4	188	8	3	5	2	12	12	35	27	0	56	10	96	2	0
Canada Goose	170	4906	10676	3682	3342	1658	1911	7880	405	1946	13790	1259	1451	1080	4347	1804	4445	6720	510	7103	1490	431	1139	13949	8539	201	2684	5901	3155	4623	801
Mute Swan	0	3	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	17	3	0	3	0	7	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Trumpeter Swan	0	0	0	3	0	0	130	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	186	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Tundra Swan	0	0	0	29	0	0	1144	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wood Duck	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Gadwall	0	0	0	90	2	0	16	4	0	0	14	0	0	14	607	5	0	283	0	7	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	0
American Wigeon	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Black Duck	1	6	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	33	4	0	16	3	6	0	2	7	3	5	3	3	0	0	20	17	15	0
Mallard	85	788	623	866	559	140	370	941	70	938	2375	166	2345	482	1551	1094	1143	1779	0	933	1573	470	291	276	2241	3	357	441	1093	1663	225
Blue-winged Teal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Shoveler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	10	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Pintail	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	17	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0
Green-winged Teal	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Green-winged Teal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canvasback	0	0	26	1	0	0	855	33	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	31	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redhead	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	14	0	1891	0	0	6	2	10	0	0	3	0	2	4	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	164	0
Ring-necked Duck	0	0	95	22	0	2	10	47	0	0	2	0	424	1	100	0	0	1	0	29	51	4	1	0	20	2	0	0	0	1	0
Greater Scaup	0	0	0	66	0	217	0	0	0	316	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	603	0
Lesser Scaup	3	1	3	19	2	4	339	160	0	3	3	0	5	3	20	0	1	11	0	17	0	30	28	0	10	32	0	0	0	8	0
Harlequin Duck	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surf Scoter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long-tailed Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bufflehead	0	0	4	25	13	8	11	44	0	1	2	0	11	0	9	0	4	8	0	4	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	3	32	0
Common Goldeneye	125	47	18	70	4	197	481	1591	0	151	110	0	214	46	60	0	18	78	10	70	201	77	58	17	76	0	1	0	43	247	9
Hooded Merganser	0	2	0	53	1	3	4	22	0	12	4	0	0	17	156	0	0	24	0	4	127	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	23	0
Common Merganser	238	60	10	137	1	217	770	1670	0	82	342	0	702	15012	298	1	53	606	0	176	112	50	1036	45	282	1	87	0	21	491	37
Red-breasted Merganser	1	0	0	44	3	1340	0	0	0	1087	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	111	0
Ruddy Duck	0	0	3	1	2	0	14	5	0	1	0	0	26	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	7	0
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	3	2	0	2	0	9	1	7	0	5	3	0	0	2	0	2
Wild Turkey	20	0	0	0	0	0	74	63	4	0	8	16	0	20	0	19	99	0	0	63	69	1	8	7	123	114	14	0	52	1	5
Northern Bobwhite	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red-throated Loon	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Common Loon	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pied-billed Grebe	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American White Pelican	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Double-crested Cormorant	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	39	202	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Great Blue Heron	4	20	1	4	17	0	14	8	0	5	30	1	8	6	11	3	4	24	1	9	4	9	22	0	8	0	2	1	1	3	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bald Eagle	121	8	3	3	0	0	141	200	1	1	11	4	62	22	4	4	47	9	14	1	12	164	194	7	42	55	27	3	28	9	48
Northern Harrier	2	8	6	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	28	0	3	9	0	0	4	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	6	9	7	6	0	2	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	5	1	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1
Cooper's Hawk	3	15	11	10	21	1	4	11	2	13	28	1	1	5	6	6	17	17	2	10	2	2	0	2	15	0	3	1	4	11	4
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Red-tailed Hawk	34	51	37	34	24	4	36	54	5	36	134	17	53	46	49	24	98	76	17	85	25	48	42	15	81	60	30	36	11	52	33
Rough-legged Hawk	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	3	3	6	1	0	0	3	2	2	3	1	2	0	0	5	5	0	0	2	0	2
American Kestrel	17	9	11	6	6	1	12	22	5	3	14	17	9	12	7	9	20	5	7	9	3	37	13	2	27	17	24	6	4	4	17
Merlin	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peregrine Falcon	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sora	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Coot	0	0	7	154	82	45	5	3	0	1	15	0	4	0	17	1	11	71	0	45	0	0	0	16	26	0	1	0	54	9	0
Sandhill Crane	0	0	3	66	0	0	1	4	0	932	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	17	0
Killdeer	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson's Snipe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ring-billed Gull	985	166	3	439	140	496	659	4613	347	270	65	0	286	188	118	5	89	153	25	95	192	55	193	163	9	7	68	66	328	506	1
Herring Gull	22	20	10	111	47	472	47	525	0	199	54	0	7	124	6	0	110	206	350	24	16	16	65	158	68	0	8	1	33	2432	82
Thayer's Gull	0	0	0	0	1	9	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
Iceland Gull	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Lesser Black-backed Gull	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Glaucous Gull	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Great Black-backed Gull	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0
Rock Pigeon	179	111	132	633	2100	21	141	1301	48	91	397	256	16	211	331	152	1155	475	61	250	33	83	430	15	980	121	136	319	248	115	289
Eurasian Collared-Dove	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	6	6	13	6	99	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	2	2	10	0	10	0	0
Mourning Dove	410	277	636	211	178	2	25	435	38	223	799	34	13	43	228	202	685	401	69	507	100	105	132	113	1133	4	222	555	88	332	150
Monk Parakeet	0	0	0	18	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Screech-Owl	5	2	1	0	4	1	3	4	0	15	2	0	4	1	0	2	8	12	1	2	0	5	9	0	9	0	1	0	8	6	5

Table 2. Data for the 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count – North region – North of I-80, *(continued)*

Species Name	ANDA	BARR	BGRK	CALU	CHIU	CHLK	CL IA	DA IA	DECA	EVNS	FERM	FREE	HENN	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KISH	LISL	LYND	MCHE	MOWI	MU IA	PC IA	RCSP	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPF	VANP	WAUK	WTPN
Great Horned Owl	23	5	7	2	5	0	1	27	0	11	39	2	8	3	3	11	4	27	5	2	0	14	7	1	18	0	2	9	17	9	2
Snowy Owl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Barred Owl	14	0	4	0	0	0	1	28	1	0	3	4	10	1	0	1	8	2	6	0	0	16	4	0	17	2	5	1	1	0	5
Long-eared Owl	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Short-eared Owl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Northern Saw-whet Owl	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Belted Kingfisher	2	6	9	5	9	0	1	7	1	1	13	0	0	0	2	1	12	13	2	2	1	1	5	2	11	4	1	0	4	4	4
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	1	0	0	0	0	14	13	5	4	1	0	2	2	0	4	2	2	1	0	0	8	17	0	33	0	0	3	0	2	6
Red-bellied Woodpecker	126	54	68	13	69	2	53	116	26	75	202	23	82	29	48	21	191	219	18	74	7	62	54	14	226	25	27	20	35	55	56
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
Downy Woodpecker	67	106	91	65	145	9	57	184	18	120	297	36	67	46	100	42	278	367	40	92	21	69	72	21	392	33	48	48	56	118	63
Hairy Woodpecker	38	27	23	8	48	1	10	53	4	45	72	8	23	8	4	14	63	104	8	26	4	32	16	7	86	7	3	4	7	30	29
Northern Flicker	19	16	6	4	5	0	23	15	4	1	14	0	23	10	10	5	58	15	2	1	0	6	17	13	43	5	4	4	9	5	17
Pileated Woodpecker	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	0	1	1	13	3	1	3	10	1	1	0	0	8	6	0	13	0	2	0	1	0	2
Eastern Phoebe	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Shrike	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Blue Jay	187	70	98	28	32	0	111	192	38	43	148	92	114	68	42	103	281	539	50	63	31	154	202	8	411	74	82	56	149	52	90
American Crow	154	117	51	61	78	62	759	148	39	90	74	248	285	70	76	72	545	95	480	435	42	132	76	80	494	576	833	44	628	123	511
Horned Lark	18	6	53	0	0	0	7	33	0	0	29	260	13	33	2	3	12	4	5	30	0	7	30	1	67	27	0	82	82	0	17
Black-capped Chickadee	201	276	220	71	222	33	219	378	39	362	820	71	113	87	100	49	678	768	53	336	45	259	213	98	814	109	91	70	74	384	130
Tufted Titmouse	48	0	11	0	2	0	34	61	23	3	3	5	35	27	2	17	51	5	6	7	0	53	20	4	71	10	24	6	5	0	20
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4	3	0	0	5	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	137	68	104	35	84	0	67	206	29	104	264	45	82	34	46	38	338	336	30	127	10	100	92	33	374	31	37	36	40	114	87
Brown Creeper	21	13	23	3	51	7	10	52	1	13	51	0	10	5	14	19	85	21	2	5	15	12	14	0	99	0	8	0	13	6	25
Carolina Wren	8	1	9	3	0	0	1	23	2	0	7	0	3	2	2	4	1	7	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Winter Wren	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	2	0
Golden-crowned Kinglet	11	6	0	0	3	2	3	12	0	9	3	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Bluebird	25	5	7	0	2	0	36	29	1	0	18	0	25	7	6	0	98	85	8	12	0	4	16	0	42	4	7	0	0	1	46
Hermit Thrush	1	1	0	0	6	3	4	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	5	1	0
American Robin	33	293	10	19	717	47	8	182	154	193	403	0	22	4	6	51	103	176	48	43	4	25	1	0	8	50	59	2	14	179	51
Northern Mockingbird	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sage Thrasher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
European Starling	823	3414	1022	2348	1500	851	1123	5225	515	871	7122	1866	662	1241	3127	3469	2302	2318	1025	1614	532	2166	1319	376	5473	405	1339	1575	1061	765	2568
American Pipit	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cedar Waxwing	51	221	8	0	63	0	25	133	0	60	383	0	41	0	0	2	294	653	3	27	10	2	8	8	57	76	1	5	21	273	20
Orange-crowned Warbler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4	3	0	0	6	0	0	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	27	3	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Common Yellowthroat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Towhee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
American Tree Sparrow	270	232	207	162	42	24	144	184	1	266	1299	153	284	64	370	55	367	597	52	382	215	105	498	91	970	63	90	76	128	197	170
Chipping Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Field Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Savannah Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox Sparrow	4	6	3	1	1	0	0	5	1	7	6	0	0	1	1	1	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Song Sparrow	28	24	12	5	10	2	4	80	3	9	64	1	12	2	10	17	18	64	3	7	2	15	13	16	53	0	3	6	7	0	11
Lincoln's Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swamp Sparrow	8	13	2	0	4	1	20	43	0	19	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3	0	1	1	11	1	4	0	0	0	3	3	0
White-throated Sparrow	70	24	15	0	33	8	8	127	0	13	90	0	30	2	32	25	3	76	1	13	0	3	4	0	4	0	9	0	4	6	0
White-crowned Sparrow	1	20	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	7	6	3	4	0	6	0	2	7	5	0	0	1	0	2	7	2	0	0
Dark-eyed Junco	593	555	375	253	489	59	422	669	31	342	1144	294	356	331	310	207	1310	1089	105	516	295	449	677	93	1438	358	329	224	408	563	281
Lapland Longspur	13	0	175	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	4	22	40	0	0	57	0	1
Snow Bunting	0	0	0	0	0	14	25	0	0	0	0	2	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	3	0	0	0	12	0	0
Northern Cardinal	239	203	115	89	288	35	163	355	34	228	558	67	134	80	137	136	458	470	26	152	67	0	172	19	505	23	0	113	113	284	80
Red-winged Blackbird	75	94	1	9	1	1	2	23201	1	0	3	9	73	0	2	93	0	0	0	0	1083	26	289	0	26	1	77	4	37	4	12
Eastern Meadowlark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Western Meadowlark	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rusty Blackbird	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	1
Common Grackle	2	11	0	0	0	0	5	7011	0	0	0	0	17	31	0	16	0	3	0	1	0	11	8	211	0	0	251	0	0	0	0
Brown-headed Cowbird	46	6	2	23	0	0	1	189	2	0	4	2	102	506	6	255	30	0	0	0	49	71	42	0	6	0	26	3	1	0	1
Purple Finch	53	1	0	0	1	0	3	40	1	1	3	0	7	3	0	3	20	4	0	0	0	25	3	0	7	15	3	6	25	0	1
House Finch	144	53	153	0	52	2	55	241	5	54	315	27	62	86	41	209	523	168	70	191	24	70	87	16	299	90	51	61	153	99	61
Common Redpoll	0	0	0	6	0	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Pine Siskin	87	42	75	10	37	0	5	78	2	45	244	2	6	15	40	2	33	430	62	14	0	1	4	0	65	0	3	4	2	42	0
American Goldfinch	94	266	94	118	279	39	16	215	37	164	640	47	115	50	71	34	308	526	131	242	48	77	210	19	634	171	12	47	10	197	65
House Sparrow	1005	851	376	708	1400	74	1810	2075	60	804	1122	731	304	447	203	600	2214	874	862	661	65	794	922	33	1621	457	325	207	750	1042	502
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	125	59	0	0	2	0	120	28	0	28

Table 3. Data for the 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count – Central region – between I-70 and I-80

Species Name	BABL	BLOM	CHAM	CLLK	COCU	DECA	EAKN	EMER	FGPR	MERE	MFRV	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SPFD	WMER
Greater White-fronted Goose	0	90	0	0	0	0	367	0	0	4600	0	602	0	0	35	1629
Snow Goose	4	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	4700	0	350	12	0	300	163
Ross's Goose	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cackling Goose	6	35	5	7	0	0	43	6	0	46	0	38	1	0	1	20
Canada Goose	534	2419	1301	428	177	405	1949	2266	509	831	394	2329	1865	190	1915	863
Mute Swan	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	0
Trumpeter Swan	0	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tundra Swan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Wood Duck	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	0
Gadwall	0	6	2	4	0	0	8	0	0	180	2	8	0	0	5	1
American Wigeon	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Black Duck	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	15	17	6	0	0	3	2
Mallard	3	1362	624	564	19	70	405	34	17	5522	592	761	124	7	375	3254
Northern Shoveler	0	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Northern Pintail	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	44	0	2	0	0	0	0
Green-winged Teal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Green-winged Teal	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	300	0	2	0	0	0	2
Canvasback	0	6	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	280	0	408	16	0	5	0
Redhead	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	2	0
Ring-necked Duck	0	11	0	0	33	0	17	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	7	0
Greater Scaup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lesser Scaup	0	5	0	7	2	0	27	0	0	153	0	155	0	0	113	0
Black Scoter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Long-tailed Duck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Bufflehead	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	12	7	12	0	0	14	0
Common Goldeneye	24	40	0	12	10	0	7	0	0	48	1	879	4	0	423	0
Hooded Merganser	0	1	0	127	0	0	0	0	0	12	18	19	5	0	42	0
Common Merganser	0	0	0	7	3	0	11	0	0	48	32	130	27	0	119	4
Red-breasted Merganser	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	14	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ruddy Duck	0	11	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	60	1	74	0	0	300	0
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	1	32	13	1	0	5	6	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Greater Prairie-Chicken	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wild Turkey	22	40	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	19	20	5	2	0	8
Northern Bobwhite	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	12	5
Red-throated Loon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Common Loon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pied-billed Grebe	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0
Horned Grebe	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
American White Pelican	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	0
Great Blue Heron	0	7	8	18	8	0	4	1	3	58	12	4	14	2	36	1
Great Egret	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Turkey Vulture	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	16	0	3	2	0	2	0
Bald Eagle	15	2	3	3	3	1	17	15	4	70	17	28	28	33	14	94
Northern Harrier	1	4	4	3	5	1	5	2	0	26	0	2	3	8	3	0
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	2	1	0	2
Cooper's Hawk	1	6	12	1	2	2	3	1	2	8	4	5	7	1	10	0
Northern Goshawk	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	0	3	0	2	1	3	0	2	4	4	1	1	0	0	0
Red-tailed Hawk	26	29	32	10	16	5	65	44	20	35	20	57	63	23	27	27
Rough-legged Hawk	1	0	1	0	1	0	12	3	1	3	1	3	1	0	2	2
Golden Eagle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
American Kestrel	16	23	17	9	8	5	10	18	18	26	12	8	39	22	14	27
Merlin	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Peregrine Falcon	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	0
American Coot	0	42	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	11	0
Killdeer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wilson's Snipe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Bonaparte's Gull	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ring-billed Gull	6	5	0	1276	4	347	1	0	575	284	191	1462	623	0	4100	31
Herring Gull	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	8	154	3	0	40	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Glaucous Gull	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Rock Pigeon	6	209	661	14	0	48	140	139	54	77	162	1549	495	3	5367	38
Eurasian Collared-Dove	29	1	0	26	0	2	0	17	0	10	6	3	8	0	15	0
Mourning Dove	47	197	160	76	108	38	36	198	96	217	39	436	179	4	357	96
Great Horned Owl	17	3	8	2	5	0	3	16	5	2	13	1	1	2	8	13
Snowy Owl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barred Owl	12	1	2	5	3	1	12	25	5	3	15	5	4	4	8	11
Long-eared Owl	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3. Data for the 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count – Central region – between I-70 and I-80, *(continued)*

Species Name	BABL	BLOM	CHAM	CLLK	COCU	DECA	EAKN	EMER	FGPR	MERE	MFRV	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SPFD	WMER
Eastern Screech-Owl	15	1	3	1	1	0	3	9	3	13	11	0	0	0	5	4
Great Horned Owl	17	3	8	2	5	0	3	16	5	2	13	1	1	2	8	13
Snowy Owl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barred Owl	12	1	2	5	3	1	12	25	5	3	15	5	4	4	8	11
Long-eared Owl	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Short-eared Owl	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Belted Kingfisher	5	2	3	1	5	1	2	4	5	13	12	4	3	2	3	1
Red-headed Woodpecker	20	18	11	0	25	5	22	8	22	1	53	11	2	2	6	11
Red-bellied Woodpecker	72	73	89	13	80	26	62	62	87	68	83	100	66	24	57	69
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	7	1	1	1	0	2	2
Downy Woodpecker	42	68	59	14	46	18	65	94	68	54	57	88	84	23	64	56
Hairy Woodpecker	23	19	6	8	10	4	20	18	8	19	26	25	25	7	7	20
Northern Flicker	21	20	20	15	11	4	8	9	14	48	34	27	22	5	35	17
Pileated Woodpecker	8	0	12	0	3	11	3	2	23	5	28	6	5	1	2	19
Northern Shrike	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blue Jay	242	138	131	81	150	38	117	169	243	130	249	139	122	28	114	116
American Crow	176	773	484	87	335	39	366	201	14343	69	60700	940	34	77	1878	91
Horned Lark	9	9	18	19	37	0	84	40	74	51	35	0	20	0	34	71
Carolina Chickadee	0	0	47	0	118	0	0	0	10	0	113	0	0	0	0	0
Black-capped Chickadee	203	138	5	28	0	39	110	249	0	154	0	255	76	22	69	190
Tufted Titmouse	101	36	38	13	122	23	57	28	156	74	110	54	54	25	63	39
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	0
White-breasted Nuthatch	86	80	87	16	59	29	75	115	115	33	93	105	69	22	47	87
Brown Creeper	11	20	27	3	2	1	7	51	10	14	24	10	2	0	10	6
Carolina Wren	6	10	28	2	12	2	4	6	10	31	23	10	11	1	23	4
House Wren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Winter Wren	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Golden-crowned Kinglet	13	7	2	3	2	0	0	5	6	9	15	1	0	0	6	13
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	2	0	0	2	1
Eastern Bluebird	34	53	12	11	66	1	14	22	32	38	39	41	33	10	31	0
Hermit Thrush	11	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	16	2	0	1	0	1	2
American Robin	10	131	20	27	86	154	1	2	1	510	603	530	490	0	1013	4
Northern Mockingbird	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	6	0	2	0	0	2	0
Brown Thrasher	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
European Starling	683	4856	1024	562	733	515	2101	895	2588	448	1383	2342	1741	81	2565	682
American Pipit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cedar Waxwing	10	35	49	0	10	0	72	4	0	82	33	0	115	0	12	22
Yellow-rumped Warbler	2	1	1	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	1
Eastern Towhee	1	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0
American Tree Sparrow	160	123	60	113	35	1	147	349	61	586	188	76	89	5	191	285
Field Sparrow	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	0
Vesper Sparrow	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Savannah Sparrow	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Le Conte's Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox Sparrow	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	4	1	0	3	0	3	0
Song Sparrow	19	6	41	29	16	3	8	40	41	250	30	38	14	1	19	30
Swamp Sparrow	5	3	11	20	1	0	4	24	8	32	12	5	0	0	1	2
White-throated Sparrow	7	19	28	6	39	0	10	22	12	103	39	6	32	0	67	11
White-crowned Sparrow	2	0	169	0	19	0	3	10	3	33	0	44	13	0	5	2
Dark-eyed Junco	351	230	290	131	154	31	603	265	365	409	183	424	213	59	591	505
Lapland Longspur	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	26	18	0	14	0	0	0	100	14
Snow Bunting	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Northern Cardinal	156	101	211	63	76	34	151	195	190	296	137	215	208	44	355	211
Red-winged Blackbird	1	0	3	3	0	1	9	1	0	123	2	125	2	0	800	326
Eastern Meadowlark	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	6	0	0	0
Western Meadowlark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rusty Blackbird	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Common Grackle	0	0	0	0	16	0	5	0	0	1	0	13	43	0	5	4
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	16	25	0	0	2	799	26	6	102	22	0	0	0	103	3
Purple Finch	13	3	13	26	3	1	19	4	31	16	70	1	17	12	2	4
House Finch	24	44	189	0	19	5	34	94	25	0	67	70	74	3	137	3
White-winged Crossbill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Redpoll	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Siskin	8	3	64	34	0	2	11	9	2	4	62	2	9	1	5	2
American Goldfinch	31	65	79	35	66	37	53	39	66	242	96	78	237	160	189	112
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	143	0	0	0	0	0	125	357	0	252	0	66	119	40	34	250

Table 4. Data for the 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count – South region – south of I-70

Species Name	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	ELSA	HSLK	JACK	MRLK	MMWR	MONR	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	SHEL	UNION	WRBV
Greater White-fronted Goose	48	1200	1082	10	725	1420	0	4000	31	64	70	0	2624	472	924	191	12000	0
Snow Goose	17457	0	216844	0	12385	5345	851	18000	2143	348	992	0	26345	8255	63012	3	30000	36
Ross's Goose	0	0	39	0	5	0	0	17	5	0	3	0	12	1	6	0	38	0
Cackling Goose	5	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	5	0	59	0	0	0	1	5	0	0
Canada Goose	358	615	37	1270	479	288	402	400	229	12	562	47	464	790	85	1602	300	83
Mute Swan	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trumpeter Swan	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	15	2	0	0	4	8	0	0	0	207	0
Tundra Swan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Wood Duck	0	0	0	0	1	42	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	15	0
Gadwall	15	0	147	358	584	352	0	1450	9	26	0	0	450	286	163	99	2000	0
American Wigeon	1	0	29	2	51	112	0	38	0	2	0	0	56	3	2	2	106	0
American Black Duck	0	0	12	0	3	16	0	2	0	9	0	0	121	0	23	0	14	0
Mallard	248	34	45845	212	2282	8127	9	10000	43	650	38	22	1351	5091	60	1247	8500	31
Northern Shoveler	38	8	219	19	128	336	12	56	37	40	0	12	32	17	54	23	485	0
Northern Pintail	45	0	707	0	2	1285	0	150	0	8	0	8	150	191	49	6	500	0
Green-winged Teal	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	0	0	0	0
American Green-winged Teal	0	0	59	0	0	37	0	6	0	50	0	1	194	0	875	1	37	7
Canvasback	66	0	414	62	2	0	0	3	0	40	0	0	3	15	5	0	44	0
Redhead	0	0	6	0	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0
Ring-necked Duck	38	10	24	5	1807	444	0	650	31	955	0	0	350	418	0	0	350	0
Greater Scaup	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	0
Lesser Scaup	47	11	10	123	272	26	0	0	29	18	0	6	81	96	35	18	7	0
Long-tailed Duck	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bufflehead	22	11	72	5	79	3	0	0	11	4	0	0	248	28	35	2	0	0
Common Goldeneye	7	12	390	45	26	0	0	0	9	3	0	0	2	156	147	1258	2	0
Hooded Merganser	39	2	41	54	86	8	0	44	2	20	0	0	4	18	14	17	90	1
Common Merganser	0	0	8	2	14	1	0	0	10	8	0	0	0	17	0	66	0	0
Red-breasted Merganser	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	144	2	0	0
Ruddy Duck	0	52	289	93	1962	1	0	0	10	76	0	0	0	236	4777	0	100	0
Ring-necked Pheasant	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Greater Prairie-Chicken	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0
Wild Turkey	20	0	38	29	249	18	0	0	2	14	0	11	119	2	75	0	14	0
Northern Bobwhite	0	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	14	0	2	32	0	0	1	1	11
Common Loon	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Pied-billed Grebe	38	5	2	0	51	2	0	1	15	0	0	0	41	0	60	2	3	1
Horned Grebe	21	3	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	33	0	0	0
American White Pelican	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	35	67	0	6	0
Double-crested Cormorant	0	0	15	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
American Bittern	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Blue Heron	14	2	56	10	34	8	6	13	17	45	20	1	5	29	25	4	13	2
Great Egret	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Black Vulture	0	0	0	0	8	40	0	35	91	168	0	4	0	0	0	0	16	46
Turkey Vulture	0	1	1	1	6	13	0	79	28	150	49	168	13	1	0	0	31	16
Bald Eagle	4	8	28	6	11	10	13	43	7	15	21	3	6	57	15	25	42	2
Northern Harrier	3	5	35	0	0	9	1	4	2	5	5	2	38	3	1	6	15	5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	0	1	2
Cooper's Hawk	3	3	0	11	1	0	1	4	2	2	1	1	3	4	3	3	3	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	3	3	8	5	20	21	0	32	27	21	11	4	4	1	14	3	38	19
Red-tailed Hawk	49	35	134	34	18	15	4	42	21	46	37	9	16	28	43	28	50	15
Harlan's Hawk	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rough-legged Hawk	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0
Golden Eagle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
American Kestrel	57	67	51	36	10	20	6	46	21	37	25	13	14	11	25	29	38	21
Merlin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Peregrine Falcon	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Coot	67	170	3	0	101	102	0	500	10	4	0	0	24	0	23	13	62	0
Killdeer	3	1	0	6	4	3	0	305	5	61	1	0	1	12	9	0	3	21
Wilson's Snipe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
American Woodcock	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonaparte's Gull	167	2	304	0	1024	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2606	19	0	0
Ring-billed Gull	679	6	17303	5879	3943	16	34	0	58	67	21	0	27	259	4545	3778	223	5
Herring Gull	0	0	75	14	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	78	170	0	0
Lesser Black-backed Gull	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glaucous Gull	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Rock Pigeon	56	3	49	157	6	6	0	8	72	124	5	29	86	21	47	88	95	15
Eurasian Collared-Dove	0	11	32	0	0	14	0	2	0	2	12	2	14	10	9	13	1	0
Mourning Dove	65	340	239	189	19	134	24	227	308	220	262	24	25	55	142	253	432	68
Barn Owl	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Screech-Owl	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	5	7	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Great Horned Owl	4	0	3	0	5	4	0	9	9	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	7	0
Barred Owl	2	3	10	1	18	7	0	9	15	4	2	2	5	2	3	9	9	2
Long-eared Owl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short-eared Owl	3	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Belted Kingfisher	0	1	1	7	6	3	0	7	3	2	6	0	1	3	3	2	8	1
Red-headed Woodpecker	18	11	20	8	31	77	59	42	105	46	5	4	4	26	25	1	233	4
Red-bellied Woodpecker	48	48	120	61	53	136	42	137	118	97	80	12	25	96	51	93	246	56
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	8	4	5	3	8	10	0	24	22	20	7	2	1	1	3	4	29	3
Downy Woodpecker	39	38	65	45	41	72	18	79	107	38	56	14	16	40	32	82	133	22

Table 4. Data for the 2014/2015 Christmas Bird Count – South region – south of I-70, *(continued)*

Species Name	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	ELSA	HSLK	JACK	MRLK	MMWR	MONR	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	SHEL	UNION	WRBV
Hairy Woodpecker	6	3	13	3	10	17	0	17	21	11	13	9	6	15	15	12	48	4
Northern Flicker	26	20	75	36	48	98	12	122	81	34	49	4	24	29	31	45	196	54
Pileated Woodpecker	4	5	3	4	21	13	3	32	44	13	17	3	3	15	1	2	90	24
Eastern Phoebe	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Loggerhead Shrike	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Blue Jay	95	150	176	92	180	284	57	114	178	136	94	27	47	143	107	317	314	192
American Crow	54	33	348	378	87	4019	512	1500	126	208	93	21	32	89	93	207	458	142
Horned Lark	0	12	77	20	3	19	45	500	3	82	21	17	53	6	4	193	38	3
Carolina Chickadee	64	79	115	60	142	176	0	185	139	81	79	20	22	0	91	0	255	45
Black-capped Chickadee	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	217	0	0
Tufted Titmouse	55	44	101	45	80	191	40	128	180	112	80	10	24	85	70	173	251	47
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	0	1	1	5	1	15	0	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
White-breasted Nuthatch	25	38	39	15	30	45	23	41	69	27	55	12	19	35	21	98	113	29
Brown Creeper	9	8	12	3	6	19	0	25	27	12	6	1	1	1	19	18	33	1
Carolina Wren	14	18	77	27	68	55	2	80	71	48	45	5	28	20	48	31	145	7
House Wren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winter Wren	0	0	1	1	6	15	0	11	6	4	3	2	0	0	3	1	20	0
Sedge Wren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4	0	7	2	17	24	1	29	24	13	4	0	0	0	13	7	39	0
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	26	2	8	1	0	1	0	5	2	21	2
Eastern Bluebird	76	72	165	22	68	33	3	29	109	56	86	9	9	14	32	78	140	53
Hermit Thrush	1	0	8	2	20	4	0	11	45	14	8	0	0	0	9	2	36	0
American Robin	289	95	784	521	209	550	979	18	294	312	104	14	66	225	138	432	194	64
Gray Catbird	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Mockingbird	12	12	4	26	17	11	4	26	19	24	9	4	3	4	13	0	8	14
Brown Thrasher	4	1	0	1	4	3	2	14	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	0	17	2
European Starling	653	1484	4756	2823	2086	972	1748	4000	1624	2408	205	132	1225	2130	2245	3461	550	386
American Pipit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cedar Waxwing	0	95	189	276	141	156	21	175	257	142	13	20	12	11	79	14	361	115
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	0	8	0	27	8	1	8	19	5	13	1	0	0	1	0	9	3
Eastern Towhee	3	1	17	1	62	55	0	12	28	56	11	2	4	8	10	0	7	14
American Tree Sparrow	38	11	87	51	16	64	5	21	32	36	16	13	105	18	24	294	29	1
Chipping Sparrow	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Field Sparrow	0	5	33	1	12	13	0	27	41	41	0	9	5	0	5	1	28	4
Vesper Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Savannah Sparrow	0	0	7	5	16	2	0	18	1	0	1	0	9	1	0	0	1	0
Le Conte's Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox Sparrow	2	2	6	2	4	18	0	27	7	15	3	0	2	6	9	1	12	5
Song Sparrow	7	28	117	25	59	67	1	136	118	147	110	0	24	103	35	38	178	7
Lincoln's Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swamp Sparrow	52	3	56	7	52	103	0	150	42	38	30	0	18	27	46	9	146	0
White-throated Sparrow	60	39	201	64	207	200	43	447	388	561	175	20	20	53	125	21	673	32
White-crowned Sparrow	46	3	122	12	11	39	4	13	40	92	19	18	13	45	27	0	4	1
Dark-eyed Junco	70	95	230	141	379	142	71	475	580	339	247	31	105	119	200	291	791	300
Lapland Longspur	2	0	186	0	0	0	0	100	5	6	5	3	35	0	0	30	3	0
Northern Cardinal	113	112	202	170	191	168	47	372	310	334	219	72	82	126	112	275	541	121
Red-winged Blackbird	10	200	9787	2429	258	211	1250	2600	22735	693	167	49	170	987	115967	13	750	70
Eastern Meadowlark	19	1	50	0	4	62	15	150	4	56	1	4	143	16	16	1	16	0
Rusty Blackbird	0	0	1	0	7	0	30	300	120	104	1	1	0	0	121	0	470	0
Brewer's Blackbird	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Common Grackle	16	136	5807	59	1010	132	51	1200	2877	7102	383	18	881	684	103106	0	640	1320
Brown-headed Cowbird	1	18	492	24	2	0	3	8	70	498	0	16	104	31	912	0	10	0
Purple Finch	0	0	1	2	0	8	0	0	4	2	0	11	0	2	8	16	20	6
House Finch	15	21	46	60	7	8	8	54	20	37	8	9	13	19	33	92	34	1
Pine Siskin	0	0	31	0	0	0	4	5	4	5	0	4	0	0	0	1	4	2
American Goldfinch	167	100	661	117	77	58	11	89	93	105	120	42	30	65	102	541	479	55
House Sparrow	72	981	226	197	57	29	73	36	52	117	192	11	110	246	94	458	135	3
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	0	0	1	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0

Field Notes:

The 2014-2015 Winter Season

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American White Pelican, drawing by Jason Mullins.

The winter of 2013-14 was brutal. Historically that should have meant a warmer winter season the following year. No such luck. The winter 2014-15 season started off mild with an average December temperature of 33.9 degrees, 4 degrees above average. But in January, the average temperature dropped to 25.7 degrees. It dropped in February to an average of 18.6 degrees, 12.3 degrees below the 1981-2010 average and the seventh coldest February on record. By comparison, February 2014 was the 9th coldest at 19.5 degrees. The statewide average temperature for the three winter months of December, January and February was 26.1 degrees, 7.5 degrees below average, but not nearly as cold as the 2013-14 winter's 21.7 degrees. The 2014/2015 winter ranks as the 30th coldest on record while Chicago's February average of 14.6 degrees tied with 1875 for the coldest on record.

The average precipitation for December through February was 4.97 inches, 1.85 inches below average with snowfall above average. December was snow-free for most of the state except in the far west. Most of the snow fell in February with major snows bringing up the winter snowfall totals across the state. Chicago's snowfall was the third highest on record at 26.8 inches. Above-average snowfall occurred across northern, western and far southern Illinois.

During the 2014-2015 winter season, 183 species were reported (compared with the previous winter season's 167). High counts for many species were down. Others such as Ross's Goose, Ring-necked Duck, Common Merganser and Ruddy Duck continued their year to year climb. Most of the expected wintering birds were present. Notable exceptions were such uncommon to rare species sometimes found during the winter period including Virginia Rail, Purple Sandpiper and Dickcissel, none of which were reported the winter of 2014-15.

There were 16 exceptional species (Brant, Harlequin Duck, Barrow's Goldeneye, Ivory Gull, Mew, Franklin's, California and Slaty-backed Gulls, Barn Owl, Gyrfalcon, Prairie Falcon, Townsend's Solitaire, Sage Thrasher, Bohemian Waxwing, Pine Grosbeak and Hoary Redpoll), which required review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee. The wintering Harlequin Duck on the Fox River in Elgin was also subject to IORC review. Several other rare winter visitors were also observed, including Smith's Longspur and Yellow-throated, Yellow and Wilson's Warlber

Along with the seemingly endless changes by the AOU in the species checklist order, we have broken down the highlights in a different series of various family groups, with this winter season report, instituting the newest AOU checklist order.

Waterfowl to Grebes

The numbers of many wintering geese in southern Illinois, particularly Snow Geese, continue to impress. The high count reported was a flock of 100,000 in Fulton County. An IDNR estimate was of up to 150,000 birds in the area. Canada Geese numbers in St. Clair County reached a reported 90,000. Also reported were flocks in the thousands of Greater White-fronted Geese and growing numbers of Ross's Geese. Cackling Goose numbers were lower than some years with a maximum count of 205 birds.

Trumpeter Swan numbers approximated last winter, though Mute Swan numbers reported were a three year high, though Tundra Swans were in lower numbers than some winters.

With the exception of big water species like Common Merganser, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck and Common Goldeneye, duck numbers have recovered from last winter and in the case of Ring-necked Duck, Common Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser and Ruddy Duck were at three year highs. White-winged Scoter counts on the Lake Michigan lakefront were back to more typical numbers. Redhead and Long-tailed Duck numbers dropped substantially from last winter.

Northern Bobwhite and Ring-necked Pheasant numbers continue to decline. Again this winter there were sightings of Red-necked and Western Grebes.

Pigeons to Terns

Wintering coot flocks continue to grow with flocks of 500 from three areas. This species had formerly been a fairly uncommon to rare bird in Illinois in winter. Due to a mild December the Sandhill Crane migration over the Chicagoland area continued throughout the month with counts of 300-400 birds from Cook and Lake Counties.

Only three shorebird species were reported this winter, typically, the three resident breeders. Killdeer and Wilson's Snipe were reported throughout the winter. The third species, American Woodcock arrived back on its breeding grounds as early as 6 February. Fourteen species of gull were reported. Black-legged Kittiwake, California, Franklin's, Ivory and Mew Gulls put in appearances as did not one but two reported Slaty-backed Gulls. Expect more Slaty-backed Gull sightings now that our laraphiles are on the lookout for them. Thayer's/Iceland Gulls were reported from Cook, Lake, LaSalle, Clinton and Madison Counties. There is an active scientific debate as to whether such birds with blackish-grey wingtip markings, are Kumlien's Gull or hybrid Thayer's x Kumlien's Gull (Howell et al. 2003).

Loons to Raptors

Winter numbers of Red-throated Loon along the Chicago lakefront, which had been increasing year to year, were limited to a handful of singleton reports from the Lake Michigan lakefront and one report from the Chicago River. It would be interesting to know this loon's dominant prey species, which are likely driving its winter occurrence on Lake Michigan.

Bald Eagle numbers were back to usual with high counts in several areas and Red-shouldered Hawks continue to be reported from a majority of the northern counties, with notable, increasing numbers in Central Illinois. Northern Goshawks were reported from Cook, Knox, Perry and St.Clair Counties.

Snowy Owl numbers, though lower than last winter, were still high with 97 individuals reported. Reports of Northern Saw-whet Owls continue to be lower than usual as were reports of Long-eared Owls which were reported in very low numbers from a declining number of counties.

Kingfishers to Kinglets

Wintering numbers of Red-headed Woodpeckers in southern Illinois this winter reached a high of 49 in Union County. Pileated Woodpecker numbers appear to be increasing (especially in the Greater Chicagoland area), with reports from 65 counties including 7 northern counties. Although slower and more subtle than many of the other species populations and ranges that are growing and moving farther north in Illinois, occurrences of this species in northern Illinois are becoming increasingly more widespread.

The Prairie Falcons wintered again at the "stump" in Coles County for the fourth season in a row, joined briefly by a Gyrfalcon. Wintering Merlin numbers continue to increase.

Northern Shrike and Loggerhead Shrike numbers were normal in their usual respective northern and southern ranges. Interestingly, both Loggerhead and Northern Shrikes were photographed at the same southern Illinois location for the second year in a row. Are Northern Shrikes usurping habitat formerly occupied by Loggerheads, as the latter species continues its decline in Illinois? More Northerns seem to be showing up in Central and even Southern Illinois locations in recent years.

The very large winter American Crow roost in Danville was significantly lower than most of the past two decades. This was likely more in response to warming conditions in Illinois and farther north (where many of the birds have been demonstrated to arrive from) in the last several years, as opposed to losses due to West Nile Virus. It will be interesting to see how this roost's numbers change over the next few decades.

The numbers of wintering Ruby-crowned Kinglets in both central and northern Illinois are beginning to increase significantly due to the warming winter seasons associated with global climate change. Seven kinglets were found on a Central Illinois CBC that had only three other records of the species in 35 years, and five single birds were found in the Greater Chicagoland area.

Thrushes to Warblers

A Townsend's Solitaire was reported from the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge in Jo Daviess County. Townsend's Solitaire has become almost annual in northern Illinois. Additionally, solitaires were only found in three years anywhere in Illinois between 1979 through 2000, but have been found in 10 years between 2001 through 2014. Another western species, Sage Thrasher, was located in Putnam County and hung around long enough for many to view and photograph. American Pipits were present in smaller numbers this winter with reports concentrated in December. A Bohemian Waxwing was one of few northern invaders this winter.

After a long period of time following their initial release into the St. Louis area, there was little movement outside that area of Eurasian Tree Sparrows. As late as 1989, outlying populations of this species had only reached north as far as Macomb, east only to Sangamon and Christian Counties, with a few outlying records to Princeton (Bohlen 1989). As this and recent winter records show, the Eurasian Tree Sparrow now has good, established, resident populations north along the Mississippi River valley to the Wisconsin border, other northwestern areas in Whiteside and Ogle Counties as well as north in the Illinois River valley to Putnam County and eastward to rural areas in Logan and McLean Counties, where they have spread east from the Illinois River valley, all in a relatively few, short decades.

Last winter was notable for its absence of irruptive winter finches. This winter saw the return of small numbers of redpolls and crossbills and good numbers of Pine Siskins in Central and Northern Illinois. A Pine Grosbeak was viewed, but only by one observer in Central Illinois, despite many looking for the bird. For the second winter in a row no Evening Grosbeaks were reported.

Snow Bunting flocks had a high of 100 birds with reports from 27 counties far below the 2014/15 winter numbers. For the fourth time in the last seven winters a Smith's Longspur was reported, with this winter's record from southwestern Illinois, breaking a pattern of winter reports from the eastern side of the state.

Seven warbler species were reported – Orange-crowned Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Pine Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler and Wilson's Warbler, the latter three species exceptional occurrences, having rarely been found at this season.

Sparrows to Blackbirds

After several years of increasing sightings only one Spotted Towhee was reported this winter. Chipping Sparrow reports were up from last winter, but LeConte's and Lincoln's Sparrows were down. LeConte's Sparrow was reported in December and February from two southerly locations and in December from central Illinois. Lincoln's Sparrow was reported from DuPage County in December. After an absence during the winter period of several years, an Indigo Bunting was reported from a feeder in Edwards County in mid-February.

Blackbirds and meadowlarks were reported in normal winter numbers, though the Western Meadowlark is beginning to be found more regularly by some of the state's more experienced birders.

Hybrids

A small number of hybrid ducks and gulls were reported this winter: a Gadwall x Mallard and a Mallard x Northern

Pintail were found and photographed at the same location in McLean County, American Black Duck x Mallard from 12 counties, a Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser from Cook and Will Counties, a Herring x Glaucous or "Nelsons" Gull from Chicago and a Herring x Great Black-backed Gull from Cook County.

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Organizations and Institutions:

DBC	DuPage Birding Club (field trips)
IORC	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
IOS	Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips)
KCA	Kane County Audubon (field trips)
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Winter Wren.
Clinton Lake. De Witt County.
21 December 2014.
Photo by Rob Kanter.

Yellow Warbler.
Boneyard
Creek, Urbana,
U of I campus.
Champaign
County.
12 December 2014.
Photo by Rob Kanter.

Photo Gallery:

Winter Colors

Cedar Waxwing.
Carlyle Lake. Clinton County.
7 December 2014.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Northern Shoveler.
Carlyle Lake Sewage Pond.
Clinton County. 10 January 2015.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

White-winged Scoters.
63rd Street Beach, Chicago.
Cook County. 21
February 2015.
Photo by Sid Padgaonkar.

Northern Saw-whet Owl.
Clinton Lake. De Witt County.
13 December 2014.
Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Eastern Bluebird.
Kline Creek Farm.
DuPage County.
20 December 2014.
Photo by Urs Geiser

Yellow variant House Finch
with two other House Finches.
Chicago. Cook County. 14 February 2015.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Ivory Gull.
Quioncy. Adams County.
9 January 2015.
Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Redheads.
Wilmette Harbor.
Cook County. 21 January 2015.
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The following abbreviations for place names have been used throughout this report:

Abbreviations:

*	=	Observation documented
**	=	specimen
♀	=	Female
♂	=	Male
ad	=	Adult
alt	=	alternate/breeding plumage
Apt	=	Airport
Arb	=	Arboretum
B	=	Beach
CA	=	Conservation Area
CBC	=	Christmas Bird Count
Cem	=	Cemetery
Co(s)	=	County(ies)
Crk	=	Creek
D	=	Dam
Dr	=	Drive
EA	=	Ecological Area
FP	=	Forest Preserve
GC	=	Golf Course
H	=	Harbor
Hwy	=	Highway
I	=	Island
imm	=	Immature
incl	=	including
L	=	Lake
LWR	=	Land and Water Reserve
M	=	Marsh
MC	=	Maximum Count
m.ob.	=	Many observers
No.	=	North
NA	=	Natural Area
NC	=	Nature Center
NF	=	National Forest
NP	=	Nature Preserve
NWR	=	National Wildlife Refuge
Obs.	=	Observatory
ph(s)	=	photo(s)
Pk	=	Park
Pr	=	Preserve
Pra	=	Prairie
R	=	River
RA	=	Recreation Area
Res	=	Reservoir
Rt	=	Route
SF	=	State Forest
SFWA	=	State Fish & Wildlife Area
SHS	=	State Historic Site
Sl	=	Slough
SNA	=	State Natural Area
SNF	=	Shawnee National Forest
So.	=	South
SP	=	State Park
Subd	=	Subdivision
SWA	=	State Wildlife Area
Trl	=	Trail
U	=	University
vid	=	video
WA	=	Wildlife/Waterfowl Area
Wds	=	Woods
WMA	=	Wildlife Management Area
WS	=	Wildlife Sanctuary
WTF	=	Water Treatment Facility

Observation Locations:

ArcolaM = Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co)
Ark = Arklands Reclamation Area/Pyramid State Park (Perry and Randolph Cos)
BaldwinL = Baldwin Lake (Randolph and St. Clair Cos)
BannerM = Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area (Fulton & Peoria Cos)
Bartel = Bartel Grassland (Cook Co)
BRSF = Big River State Forest (Henderson Co)
BuseyWds = Busey Woods Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
CarlL = Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Clinton and Fayette Cos)
CarlL-C = Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Clinton Co)
CarlL-F = Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Fayette Co)
CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
Chann = Channahon Widewaters, Des Plaines River (Will Co)
Chau = Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi = Chicago (Cook Co)
ClintonL = Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
COLSP = Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
CONWR = Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
Emiquon = Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
Fermi = Fermilab (DuPage Co)
GillsonP = Gillson Park, Wilmette (Cook Co)
GlacialPk = Glacial Park (McHenry Co)
GLPSNA = Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
GreeneVal = Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
HeideckeL = Heidecke Lake State Fish &Wildlife Area (Grundy Co)
HennepinL = Hennepin-Hopper Lake/Dixon Waterfowl Refuge (Putnam Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Alexander Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
JP = Jackson Park & vicinity, Chicago, (Cook Co)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KankakeePks = LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Park (Kankakee Co)
KankakeeR SP = Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee Co)
KArb = Klehm Arboretum, Rockford (Winnebago Co)
KCP = Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co)
KLMSNA = Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
KSP = Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)
LDec = Lake Decatur (Macon Co)
L&D = Lock & Dam
LostMound = Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge (Jo Daviess Co)
LowdMil = Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LRSHNC = Little Red School House Nature Center, Palos (Cook Co)
LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Shelby Co)
LSpfld = Lake Springfield (Sangamon Co)
LTFP = Loud Thunder Forest Preserve (Rock Island Co)
LVerm = Lake Vermilion, Danville (Vermilion Co)
MArb = Morton Arboretum, Lisle (DuPage Co)
McKeeM = McKee Marsh, Blackwell Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
MeadbrkPk = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Massac Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidFork = Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area (Vermilion Co)
Miller-And = Miller-Anderson Woods Nature Preserve (Bureau Co)
MissR = Mississippi River (various counties)
Montrose = Montrose Harbor, Chicago (Cook Co)
MoraineHills = Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry Co)
Nachusa = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NoP = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPM = North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake Michigan (Lake Co)
OakBot = Oakwood Bottoms, Shawnee National Forest (Jackson Co)
Palos = Palos area (sw. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Peabody = Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
Pecatonica = Pecatonica River vicinity (Winnebago Co)
PereMarquette = Pere Marquette State Park (Jersey Co)
Pomona = Pomona area (Jackson Co)
PLNWR = Port Louisa NWR – Keithsburg Division (Mercer Co)
PrRdg-J = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
QC = Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock Island Co)
Rckfd = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RendL = Rend Lake and vicinity (Franklin and Jefferson Cos)
RendL-F = Rend Lake and vicinity (Franklin Co)
RendL-J = Rend Lake and vicinity (Jefferson Co)
RiverBend = River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Ryerson = Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
Sang = Sangamon Co
SantaFe = Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
ShabbonaL = Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area (DeKalb Co)
SouthFarms = U of I South Farms, Urbana (Champaign Co)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
Springbrk = Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
SRSF = Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
StarvedRock = Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle Co)
TOT = Trail of Tears State Forest (Union Co)
TwoRivers = Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA = Union County State Fish & Wildlife Area (Union Co)
UniversalMine = Universal Mine, Grand Canyon Lake (Edgar Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
WaterfallGlen = Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Wauk = Waukegan harbor/lakefront (Lake Co)

LRSHNC = Little Red School House Nature Center, Palos (Cook Co)
LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Shelby Co)
LSpfld = Lake Springfield (Sangamon Co)
LTFP = Loud Thunder Forest Preserve (Rock Island Co)
LVerm = Lake Vermilion, Danville (Vermilion Co)
MArb = Morton Arboretum, Lisle (DuPage Co)

McGinnis = McGinnis Slough, Palos (Cook Co)

MeadbrkPk = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Massac Co)

Locations, *continued*

Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidFork = Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area (Vermilion Co)
MidSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Miller-And = Miller-Anderson Woods Nature Preserve (Bureau Co)
MissR = Mississippi River (various counties)
Montrose = Montrose Harbor, Chicago (Cook Co)
MoraineHills = Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry Co)
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NewtonL = Newton Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Jasper Co)
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Pecatonica = Pecatonica River vicinity (Winnebago Co)
Pembroke = Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
PLNWR = Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge – Keithsburg Division of Mark Twain NWR Complex (Mercer Co)
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RiverBend = River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
RRR = Rock Run Rookery Forest Preserve (Will Co)
Ryerson = Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
SagSl = Saganashkee Slough, Palos (Cook Co)
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TwoRivers = Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA = Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
Waterfall Glen = Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Wauk = Waukegan harbor/lakefront (Lake Co)
WCCA = Washington County Conservation Area (Washington Co)
WhalonL = Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)

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Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and/or boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are also boldfaced. Four-letter alpha or bird-banding codes in capitalized letters (e.g. WODU for Wood Duck, PUMA for Purple Martin, etc.) developed by the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory are occasionally used as abbreviations within the species accounts. Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are either underlined for being uncommon or underlined and boldfaced if exceptional for that date or location.

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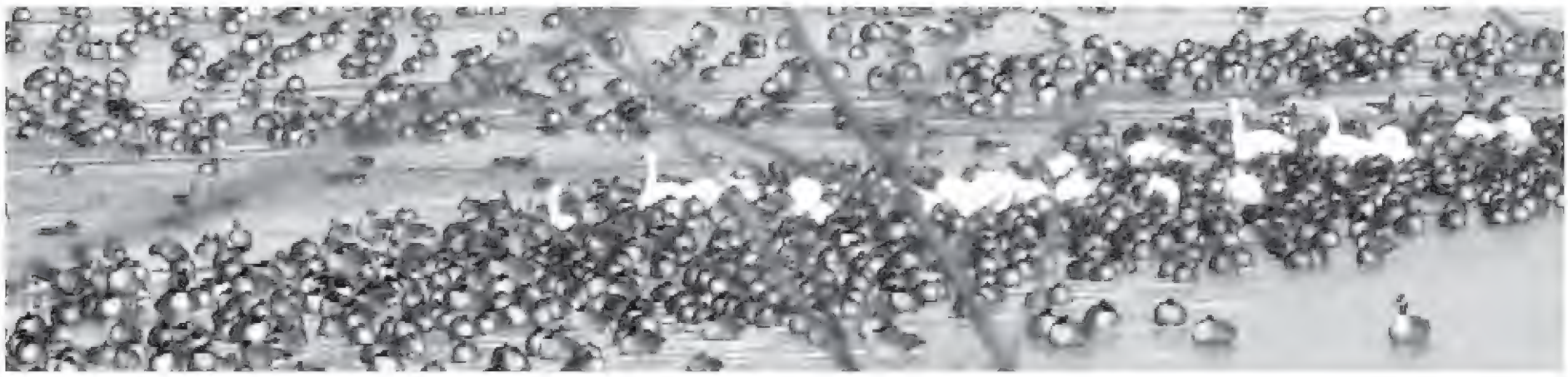

Greater White-fronted Geese (at least 7,000 were present) and Trumpeter Swans (at least 375 were present). Universal Mine. Edgar County. 10 January 2015. Photo by Don Gorney.

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 12,000, CarlL-C, 24 Jan (DMK:ph); 8130, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); 7000, UniversalMine,, 10 Jan (DG:ph, AR); 5000, Chau, 21 Dec & 8 Feb (PAM, JV, DTW, TWf); 3000, LShel, 11 Jan (ASr, PSr, TDF); 3000, Paris (Edgar Co), 5 Feb (ASA, DKa); 2700, LSpfld, 28 Jan (KAM); 2624, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 2400, Double T SFWA (Fulton Co), 24 Dec (MHB); 2200, Petersburg (Menard Co), 8 Feb (MMn); 2000, Anderson Prairie Pk (Christian Co), 1 Feb (BLd); 1956, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 1500, West Marion (Williamson Co), 15 Jan (JG); 1200, Chau, 28 Jan (KAM). **Others**: *Mercer* (1169), 26 Dec (KJM, SH m.ob.); ClintonL (800), 31 Jan (EWr); Ark (712), 31 Dec (TWf); *Pike* (660), 14 Dec (NS, CW); HennepinL (475), 1 Jan (DHr, TH); LDec (454), 8 Feb (TAM); Champaign (440), 31 Jan (PB); *Whiteside* (300), 21 Dec (KJM, RiverBend (250), 31 Dec (GSL, RK); IBSP (So. Unit), 28 Feb (SDB, ASS, BJS). Reports from 64 counties.

Snow Goose

MC: 400,000, CarlL-C, 21 Dec (DMK); 60,200, RendL-J, 20 Dec (KAM); 50,000, Emiquon, 7 Feb (MHB). **Others**: Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (26,345), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); Ark (23,000), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); UCCA (18,777), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); Mt. Sterling (Brown Co) (15,000), 9 Feb (AB); BaldwinL (15,000), 7 Feb (SLA); Meacham Twp (Marion Co) (12,026), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); LSpfld (10,000), 10 Feb (JM); *Fayette* (10,000), 23 Dec (KAM); *Washington* (10,000), 28 Dec (NW); PereMarquette (8000), 20 Dec (BRe); Olive Branch (Alexander Co) (6000), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); Peabody (5000), 19 Jan (GHy); *Washington* (5000), 1 Jan (KAM); Grayville (White Co) (5000), 4 Jan (JBr). Reported from 68 counties.

Ross's Goose

MC: 26, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec & 12 Feb (SDB, PAM & JV resp); 15, Meacham Twp (Marion Co), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); 15, CarlL, 27 Dec (MS); 12, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 12, RendL, 7 Dec (KAM); 12, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 11, Olive Branch (Alexander Co), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: Chau (8), 8 Feb (DTW, TWf); Meredosia (Morgan Co) (7), 14 Dec (RB); Sangchris (Christian Co) (7), 22 Feb (CL); HLCA (6), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); Sang (5), 25-26 Dec & 17 Jan (HDB); RendL (5), 15 Feb (OJ); *Pulaski* (5), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM). Many other reports of 1-4 birds throughout the state, mostly in the southern part of the state.

BRANT

Chau, 12 Dec (KBR).

Cackling Goose

MC: 205, SuleL (Ogle Co), 13 Dec (HA); 150, White Oak Pk, Bloomington (McLean Co), 21 Dec (WH); 100, Aurora (Kane Co), 8 Dec (TWf); 94, *Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, DA, LBn); 70, VictoriaL, So. Beloit (Winnebago Co), 20 Dec (AB); 65, I-88 DeKalb Oasis (DeKalb Co), 6 Dec (HA); 60, Kaneville Twp (Kane Co), 17 Dec (PAM); 60, BaldwinL, 11 Jan (DMK); 40, Davenport CBC (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (SH, KJM, SN). **Others**: Brisbane Gravel Rd (Kendall Co) (39), 16 Jan (SJ); Chau (35), 21 Dec (PAM); RiverBend (30), 5 Jan (NS); Quincy (Adams Co) (30), 4 Jan (NA); LeisureL (Whiteside Co) (25), 18 Dec (DTW); CarlL-C (25), 19 Jan (DMK); HennepinL (20), 2 Jan (DFS); PLNWR (16), 26 Dec (KJM, SH); *Montgomery* (15), 11 Feb (CL); ShelbyvilleD (Shelby Co) (15), 7 Feb (TAM, JW); MissR (Rock Island Co) (12), 23 Dec (KJM); DuPage Technology Pk (DuPage Co) (4), 2 & 6 Dec (DL, PAM); John Duffy Preserve (Cook Co) (4), 14 Dec (RJS); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 13 & 25 Dec (AFS). Reported from 55 counties.

Canada Goose

MC: 90,000, Peabody, 8 Feb (CAT); 12,000, CONWR, 12 Jan (JG); 10,750, LSpfld, 16 Jan (KAM); 9770, RockCut, 27 Dec (BCW, DTW); 8600, BraidwoodL (Will Co), 18 Jan (JHH); 6000, Chau, 21 Dec (PAM); 5100, Kaneville (Kane Co), 13 Dec (TB, MMr)); 5000, Ronald Reagan Memorial Hwy (DeKalb Co), 19 Dec (PAM). **Others**: QC (4502), 14 Dec (KJM, SH m.ob.); Boulder Hill (Kendall Co) (4000), 6 Jan (PAM); ShelbyvilleD (Shelby Co) (4000), 24 Jan (TDF); Dement (Ogle Co) (3000), 2 Jan (SK, PAM); DuPage Technology Pk (DuPage Co) (3000), 24 Dec (PAM); Matteson Sauk Trl (Cook Co) (3000), 3 Jan (SZ); 3000, CarlL-C, 19 Jan (DMK:ph); Davenport CBC (Rock Island Co) (2000), 14 Dec (SH, KJM, SN); LRen (2000), 14 Dec (CG); HomerL FP (Champaign Co) (2000), 23 Feb (ZS).

Mute Swan

MC: 84, SpringL (Tazewell Co), 31 Jan (ASA, JLe, AFS); 72, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 26 Jan (ASA, DK, LY); 38, Chann, 16 Jan (DFS); 22, DeepL (Lake Co) (22), 13 Dec (BJS); 22, Lakemoor (McHenry Co), 2 Jan (BJS); 20, WolfL (Cook Co), 6 Dec (SBB). **Others**: KankakeePks (12), 19-31 Jan (JHH); Emiquon (11), 4 Jan (NS); BannerM (10), 27 Dec (MHB); *Winnebago* (6), 5 Jan (AFS); *Cass* (6), 23 Dec (CHn); Oswego Twp (Kendall Co) (5), 14-16 Jan (JN, AFS, JV); LVerm (4), 13 Dec & 23 Jan (SDB, PAM & BPe resp); UniversalMine (4), 13-17 Jan (KC, AK, GL).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 375, UniversalMine, 10 Jan (AR, DG:ph); 100, MissR (Whiteside Co), 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO); 96, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 86, Quincy (Adams Co), 10 Jan (KP, DC); 80, I-72 (Scott Co), 3 Jan (DMK, KAM, FRH); 79, Alton (Madison Co), 17 Jan (C&JM); 72, SpringL (Tazewell Co), 30 Jan (JLe); 60, Duncan Mills (Fulton County), 27 Dec (CO); 51, TwoRivers, 30 Jan (MSS); 50, Brighton (Macoupin Co), 23 Dec (LR). **Others**: HennepinL (38), 19 Dec (PAM); LostMound (30), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); Emma Twp (White Co) (27), 5 Feb (JNe:ph); McKinley Wds FP – Moose Is (Will Co) (25), 10 Feb (PAM;AFS); Greenville Apt (Bond Co) (25), 10 Feb (MSr); Herod (Saline Co) (25), 24 Jan (AR-H); CentraliaL (Mason Co) (23), 9 Jan (TH); RiverBend (15 - 19), 31 Dec – 6 Jan (GSL, RK, NS, DUf); HLCA (17), 6 & 14 Feb (LB, MTr); LCharleston (Coles Co) (20), 5-6 Jan (SSs, RB, DRd:ph.); *Clinton* (15), 6 Dec (MSS); WolfL (Cook Co) (11), Jan 2 (ASA, MMC); *Clay*

Trumpeter Swans. Yorkville Dam, Fox River. Kendall County. 20 January 2015. Photo by Beth Pector.

Gadwall x Mallard hybrid, left with Mallard.
Kenneth L. Schroeder Wildlife Sanctuary.
McLean County. 17 January 2015.
Photo by Ben Murphy.

(10), 28 Jan (RES); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (9), 17 Dec (SDB); QC (8), 25 Jan (KJM); Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (8), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); HomerL (Champaign Co) (4), 2 Dec (JOS); FoxR, YorkvilleD (Kendall Co) (5 & 3), 13 Feb & 17-20 Jan (SJ & UWG:ph, BPr:ph m.ob. resp).

Tundra Swan

MC: 650, MissR (Carroll Co), 16 Dec (EA, RN m.ob.); 350, MissR (Whiteside Co), 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO); 90, HennepinL, 2 Jan (SK); 43, Gillson, 6 Dec (AFS); 33, Chann, 26 Feb (MMr, PAM); 33, UniversalMine, 17 Jan (AK); 18, *Pike*, 10 Jan (CC, DEs). **Others**: *McLean* (8), 2 Jan (BM); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (7), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); L&D 14 (Rock Island Co) (6), 2 Feb (SPn); Big Sl (Carroll Co) (6), 6 Dec (EB); ArcolaM (5 & 1), 6 & 13 Dec (EB & RB resp); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (4), 17 Dec (KW); RiverBend & MiddleFork FP (Champaign Co) (4), 12 Dec (PB, NS, CW); Emiquon (3), 31 Jan (ASA,JLe).

Wood Duck

MC: 39, Washington Pk, Spfld, 13 Dec (APa); 21, Despain Wet (St. Clair Co), 14 Feb (TJD). **Others**: Robert Ridgway Memorial Pk, Olney (Richland Co) (9), 24 Feb (RES); QC (8), 14 Dec (BLB, CBs); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (8), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (6), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Chi (4), 26 Dec (J&CC); McKinley Wds FP-MooseI (Will Co) (4), 30 Dec (DKa); HennepinL (2), 26 Dec (EG); RockCut (2), 15 Jan (JPw, DTW); UniversalMine (2), 16 Feb (TDF); MoraineHills, 20 Dec (LM); NippersinkL (Lake Co), 11 Jan (BJS); LeisureL (Whiteside Co) (♂), 21 Dec (KJM, DA); FoxR (Kane Co), 17-18 Jan & 7-24 Feb (BL & CAT, m.ob.); McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 1 Jan (PAM); *Rock Island* (♀), 23 Dec (KJM); *Henry* (♂), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); KankakeeD (Kankakee Co), 7 Dec (JHH); *Peoria*, 18 Jan (SZr); LVerm, 14 Dec (PAM).

Gadwall

MC: 1500, CONWR, 4 Dec (JG); 1485, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); 1025, HL, 6 Dec (FRH); 450, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 375, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 350, RendL-J, 13 Dec (KAM); 310, Chann, 26 Dec (JAS); 270, PereMarquette, 20 Dec (BRe); 250, *Saline*, 19 Feb (MSS); 226, Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 14 Dec (SJH;RLS). **Others**: HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (214), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL-F & CarlL-C (80), 23 Dec & 31 Jan, 8 Feb (KAM & DMK resp); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (78), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); MermetL (70), 6 Feb (KAM); Brandon Rd L&D (Will Co) (60), 22 Feb (DFS); Carbondale Res (Jackson Co) (55), 11 Jan (JTr); *Edgar* (50), 5 Feb (KDa, ASA); *Clay* (50), 28 Jan (MSS); LShel (45), 2 Jan (DMK); Peabody (42), 14 Feb (TJD); I&M Trl (Grundy Co) (38), 31 Jan (JAS); ClintonL (30), 21 Feb (TG).

American Wigeon

MC: 80, RendL, 13 Dec (KAM); 56, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 50, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); 40, Ark, 21 Dec (KJM, TWf); 40, CONWR, 8 Dec (DDM); 28, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 26, CarlL-F, 23 Dec (KAM); 14, LSpfld, 11 Feb (HDB). **Others**: Double T SFWA (Fulton Co) (6), 8 Feb (MHB); Benton Twp (Franklin Co) (5), 8 Feb (JWs). One to four birds at 22 locations throughout the state.

American Black Duck

MC: 121, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 30, CarlL-C, 7 Dec (DMK); 23, RendL-J, 20 Dec (KAM); 16, LeisureL (Whiteside Co), 21 Dec (KJM, DA); 15, McKeeM, 1 Jan (GP, KW); 15, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 1 Jan (EG, AHe); 15, LSpfld, 11 Jan (CD); 12, Blount Twp (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); 12, HLCA, 14 Jan (LB); 11, CONWR, 12 Jan (JG); 10, FoxR (Kane Co), 7 Feb (DFS); 10, GooseL (Putnam Co), 18 Dec (DFS); 10, PineL, University Pk & GSU Field (Will Co), 3 Jan (SZ); 10, Limestone Twp (Kankakee Co), 27 Dec (JHH); 10, UniversalMine, 24 Jan (V&GT); 10, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM). **Others**: Metropolis (Massac Co) (9), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); Braceville Twp (Grundy Co) (8), 11 Feb (JHH); Oswego Twp (Kendall Co) (8), 23 Jan (ASA); RockCut (7), 8 Dec (DTW); CarlL-C (6), 7 Feb (MSS); RiverBend (6), 7 Dec (CW).

Mallard

MC: 33,250, CarlL-F, 23 Dec (KAM); 30,000, CarlL-C, 23-28 Dec (DMK); 7000, CONWR, 12 Jan (JG); 6091, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); 5000, TwoRivers, 9 & 23 Dec (LRr, BSf). **Others**: HLCA (4200), 1 Jan (KAM); Bracewell Twp (Grundy Co) (3000), 11 Feb (JHH); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (2500), 4 Dec (JHH); HL (2500), 21 Feb (FRH); Chau (2000), 6 & 13 Dec (DHr); UniversalMine (1950), 17 Jan (CAT); GooseL (Putnam Co) (1700), 18 Dec (DFS); ClintonL (1500), 24 Jan (PB, NS, CW); Double T SFWA (Fulton Co) (1175), 18 Jan (MHB); LSpfld (1100), 17 Jan (HDB); Ark (1060), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 900, *Whiteside*, 21 Dec (KJM, DA). **Hybrids**: Mallard X No. Pintail - Ken Schroeder WS, Heyworth (McLean Co), 17 Jan (BM:ph); Mallard X Gadwall - Ken Schroeder WS, Heyworth (McLean Co), 17 Jan (BM:ph).

Blue-winged Teal

KLMSNA (2), **15 Feb** (C&PD).

Northern Shoveler

MC: 600 & 400 & 300, CarlL-C, 16 Feb & 10 Jan & 6 Dec resp (DMK); 331, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); 300, CONWR, 26 Feb (DDM); 180, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 120, O'Fallon WTP (St. Clair Co), 3 Dec (GHy). **Others**: *Marion* (69), 26 Dec (RMR); Petersburg (Menard Co) (50), 8 Feb (MMn); HL (50), 7 Feb (FRH); RendL-J (50), 7 Dec (KAM); TwoRivers (48), 9 Feb (GHy); HLCA (40), 1 Jan (KAM); Metropolis (Massac Co) (40), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); Easter Sl (Pulaski Co) (40), 6 Feb (KAM); KLMSNA (22), 8 Feb (C&PD); Benton (Franklin Co) (22), 8 Feb (JWs); UCCA (20), 2 Dec (JTr); *Wayne* (21), 11 Feb (RES); Black Partridge FP (Cook Co) (17), 14 Dec (SJH, RLS); RiverBend (17), 6 Dec (JK); HennepinL (9), 18 Dec (DHr, TH); Prescott Mill Subd (Kendall Co) (8), 27 Dec (ASA); LSpfld (8), 2 & 22 Dec (HDB).

Northern Pintail

MC: 8000, CarlL-C, 31 Jan (DMK); 980, TwoRivers, 3 & 9 Feb (CSm, BSf)); 750, CarlL-F, 25 Jan (MSS); 339, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); 225, *Pulaski*, 6 Feb (KAM); 175, HL, 21 Feb (FRH); 150, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 125, KLMSNA, 25 Jan (C&PD); Benton (Franklin Co), 8 Feb (JWs); 100, Petersburg (Menard Co), 8 Feb (MMn); 100, *Bond* ,1 Jan (SB); 100,

Northern Pintail x Mallard hybrid, front,
at Kenneth L. Schroeder Wildlife Sanctuary.
McLean County. 17 January 2015.
Photo by Ben Murphy.

Wayne, 11 Feb (RES); 100, CONWR, 8 Dec (DDM). **Others**: LSpfld (80), 11 Feb (HDB); Chau (50), 8 Feb (TWf); MissR (Jackson Co) (60), 27 Jan (JTr); *Clay* (40), 28 Jan (MSS); *Edwards* (35), 26 Jan (RES); Miller City (Alexander Co) (35), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Ark (30), 25 Jan (KAM).

Green-winged Teal

MC: 875, RendL, 20 Dec (KAM); 194, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 140, PereMarquette, 20 Dec (BRe); 75, HLCA, 6 Feb (KAM); 50, CONWR, 5 Feb (JG); 50, Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR). **Others**: CarlL-C (60), 15 Feb (DMK); Hwy 143 Sl (Madison Co) (40), 14 Feb (C&JM); LSpfld (29), 9 Feb (HDB); Chau (24), 21 Dec (PAM); UniversalMine (20), 20 Dec (V&GT); ClintonL SRA (DeWitt Co) (18), 24 Jan (PB, NS, TWf); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (18), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Quincy L&D 21 (Adams Co) (15); 10 Jan (BC m.ob.); GreeneVal (13), 11 Jan (VMr); HennepinL (12), 19 Dec (PAM).

Canvasback

MC: 2000 & 600, CarlL-C, 8 Feb & 14 Dec resp (DMK); 500, Peoria CBC (Woodford Co), 20 Dec (DHr, TH); 303, HL, 1 Feb (FRH); 250, TwoRivers, 6 Jan (BSf); 160, LSpfld, 21 Feb (HDB); 150, HennepinL (12), 26 Dec (EG). **Others**: RendL-F (65), 28 Feb (JG); CONWR (60), 1 Jan (KAM); Chann (56), 26 Feb (MMr); O'Fallon WTF (St. Clair Co) (68), 16 Dec (GHy); UCCA (43), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); Metropolis (Massac Co) (40), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); MeredosiaI (Morgan Co) (28), 8 Dec (DU); MissR (Carroll Co) (26), 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO); Governor BondL (Bond Co) (18), 27 Jan (S&MS); Kaneville (Kane Co) (17), 13 Dec (TB, MMr)); Peoria (Tazewell Co) (12), 20 Dec (DHr, TH); *Saline* (12), 19 Feb (MSS); Quincy L&D 21 (Adams Co) (11); 11 Jan (DA). **Note**: CANV X REDH hybrid (♂), CarlL-C, 7 Dec (DMK).

Redhead

MC: 977, Open Lands Lake Shore Pr (Lake Co), 27 Dec (NGg, SJW, GAW); 650, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 7 Feb (WJM); 600, CarlL-C, 8 Feb (DMK); 400, Glencoe lakefront (Cook Co), 2 Dec (ASA). **Others**: LSpfld (79), 21 Feb (HDB); HL (64), 14 Feb (C&GH); Quincy (Adams Co) (60), 3 Feb (ARs); I&M Trl (Grundy Co) (50), 31 Jan (JAS); CONWR (50), 8 Jan (JG); Chann (46), 9 Feb (CG, m.ob.); Saw Wee Kee Pk (Kendall Co) (45), 22 Feb (JV); North Bottoms (Adams Co) (37), 25 Feb (PJR, PLR); UniversalMine (32), 8 Feb (DSt); *Saline* (30), 19 Feb (MSS); O'Fallon WTF (St. Clair Co) (27), 13 Feb (GHy); MomenceI Pk (Kankakee Co) (24), 16 Feb (JHH); Fermi (18), 22 Feb (GC); LDec (18), 6 Feb (TAM); ShelbyvilleD (Shelby Co) (18), 7 Feb (TAM).

Ring-necked Duck

MC: 2500, TwoRivers, 9 Dec (BSf); 955, Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); 900, HL, 21 Feb (FRH); 800, Ark, 13 & 31 Dec (JG & KJM, TWf resp); 500, CONWR, 29 Jan (JG); 350, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 350, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); 300, HCLA, 6 Feb (KAM, MSS); 200, CarlL-C, 1 Jan (DMK); 150, HennepinL, 22 Dec (GP, WP, KW). **Others**: LSpfld (60), 21 Feb (HDB); Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 21 Feb (CAT); Kaneville (Kane Co) (78), 13 Dec (TB); Rt 6 Quarry Ponds (Will) (58), 26 Feb (MMr); SpringL (Tazewell Co) (51), 21 Feb (DHr); Sparta So. CityL (Randolph Co) (36), 23 Jan (JTr); QC (27), 14 Dec (KJM, SH); Three Oaks RA (McHenry Co) (25), 21 Dec (NGg, RS); O'FallonTwp (St. Clair Co) (24), 13 Feb (GHy); Carbondale Res (Jackson Co) (23), 18 Jan (JTr). Reported from 45 counties.

Greater Scaup, left, and Redhead. Wilmette Harbor. Cook County. 21 January 2015. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Harlequin Duck. Fox River, Elgin. Kane County. 16 January 2015. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Greater Scaup

MC: 540, Burnham Pk, Chi, 25 Dec (EG); 400, IBSP, 27 Dec & 2 Feb (JGk, NM, ASS). **Others**: CarlL-C (60), 15 Feb (DMK); East Peoria (Woodford Co) (15), 27 Dec (SA); BaldwinL (12), 11 Jan (DMK); LSpfld (7), 25 Feb (HDB); WilmingtonI Pk (Will Co) (5), 27 Feb (DKa). Reports of singletons up to 4 from 13 other counties mainly in the northern half of the state.

Lesser Scaup

MC: 4200, CarlL-C, 8 Feb (DMK); 1500, LSpfld, 26 Feb (CAT); 1000, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 15 Jan (MMC); 400, IBSP, 28 Dec (AJ); 210, TwoRivers, 9 Feb (GHy); 257, MissR (Carroll Co), 16 Dec (EA, RN); 200, Carl-C, 29 Jan (MSS); 150, MeredosiaI (Morgan Co) 28 Dec (CHn, DU); 125, O'Fallon Twp (St. Clair Co), 16 Dec (GHy); 120, ShabbonaL, 2 Dec (RA); 120, *Tazewell*, 12 Dec (ECn); 120, HL, 23 Jan (KAM); 100, L&D 18 (Henderson Co), 17 Jan (CO). **Others**: UniversalMine (88), 16 Feb (TDF); Dolphin Cove (Woodford Co) (77), 27 Dec (TH); *Marion* (73), 26 Dec (RMR); Chau (70), 26 Feb (CL); Altofer Tract (Peoria Co) (45), 1 Jan (ECn); Emiquon (40), 27 Feb (CL); RendL-F (40), 28 Feb (JG); Three Oaks RA (McHenry Co) (37), 26 Dec (DFS); Chann (30), 26 Feb (MMr, PAM); RendL-J (25), 20 Dec (KAM). Reported from 51 counties.

Harlequin Duck

FoxR, Elgin (Kane Co) (imm), 7 Dec until 31 Jan when it was found entangled in a fishing line and captured by Elgin Fire Dept. (CAT, TLK m.ob.:ph); 87th St Steel Mill, Chi (imm), 7 Dec (AG); Loyola Pk (Cook Co) (imm), 6-9 Dec (MDn, AFS, SGS:ph).

Surf Scoter

Singletons reported on the Chicago lakefront from Glencoe south to Calumet Park throughout December and on 2 Jan (87th St Steel Mill) and 12 Feb (Montrose). A singleton reported in Peoria (Tazewell Co) from East Port Marina on 7th December (MJW) and Cooper Park from 12-14 Dec.

White-winged Scoter

MC: 48, 87th St Steel Mill, Chi, 25 Feb (AG); 30, CalumetPk, Chi, 28 Feb (SE). **Others**: LSpfld (14), 15 Feb (HDB); NPM (12), 25 Feb (ASS);

Surf Scoter, left, and White-winged Scoter. Montrose, Chicago. Cook County. 12 February 2015. Photo by Fran Morel.

Brandon Rd L&D (Will Co) (12), 27 Feb (JAS); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (9), 16 Feb (DHr, TH); ChicagoR (Cook Co) (4), 22-24 Feb (SBB, TWf); GillsonP, 6 Dec (AFS); IBSP, 18 Jan (JGk); KankakeePks, 10 Feb (JHH); EmbarrassR (Coles Co), 13 Feb (TDF); Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co), 15-16 Feb (DMK).

Black Scoter

87th St Steel Mill, Chi (4), 7 Dec (PAM, JV); Highland Park (Park AveB) (♂& 2♀), 11 Feb (JRS); Chi (3), 21-25 Feb (CAT m.ob.); LSpfld (2), 4-6 Jan (HDB); IBSP, 5 Dec (ASA); JP, 18 Jan (PRC); Marseilles (LaSalle Co), 28 Feb (CAT, LY).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 4 Dec, GillsonP (8), (AFS). **MC**: 11, Lake ForestB (Lake Co), 27 Dec (NGg, SH, GAW). **Others**: Three Oaks RA (McHenry Co), 20-26 Dec (KML m.ob.); KenilworthB (Cook Co) (2), 11 Feb (JRS); Peoria CBC (Woodford Co), 20 Dec (DHr, TH); RockCut, 2 & 5 Jan (JCL, JSr); NPM & IBSP, 14-25 Feb (DA m.ob.); RockR, OregonD (Ogle Co), 4-6 Dec (ASt:ph, DBJ); JP, 23-24 Feb (SBB m.ob.); FoxR, YorkvilleD (Kendall Co) (♂), 22 Jan (PAM:ph, BL, MMr:ph m.ob.); L&D 21 & Edgewater Pk, Quincy (Adams Co), 7 Dec & 4 Jan (PJR, PLR, AMR & SS resp); East Alton & Mel Price L&D (Madison Co), 15-16 & 22 Jan (KAM:ph.& BP); HL, 20-22 Jan (FRH:m.ob.); CarlL-C, 29 Dec (KAM).

Long-tailed Duck. Yorkville Dam. Fox River. Kendall County. 22 January 2015. Photo by Marion Miller.

Barrow's Goldeneye. Fox River, West Dundee. Kane County. 23 February 2015. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Bufflehead

MC: 248, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 120, CarlL-C, 6 Dec (DMK); 100, Little CalumetR, Chi, 17 Feb (SHB); 60, NPM, 15 Feb (SM); 60, Chillicothe CBC (Peoria Co), 4 Jan (RF). **Others**: QC (43), 14 Dec (KJM, SHCONWR (40), 21 Dec (JG); LSpfld (36), 23 Dec (HDB); RendL-F (35), 28 Feb (JG); PereMarquette (26), 9 Dec (BRe); *Marion* (21), 26 Dec (RMR); VictoriaL, So. Beloit (Winnebago Co) (18), 17 Dec (JCL); McKinleyWds FP - MooseI (Will Co) (15), 6 Dec (TWf); StarvedRock (11), 10 Dec (TH). Reported from 47 counties.

Common Goldeneye

MC: 1500, Altofer Tract (Peoria Co), 27 Jan (ECn); 1500 & 1400, CarlL-C, 31 Jan & 6 Dec resp (DMK); 1400, LSpfld, 26 Feb (CAT); 1000, L&D 14 (Rock Island Co), 31 Jan (BC). **Others**: Peoria River Pk (Tazewell Co) (750), 11 Jan (AHe); Dolphin Cove (Woodford Co) (700), 4 Dec (MJW); Dallas City Elevator (Hancock Co) (700), 2 Feb (CO); RendL-F (632), 25 Jan (KAM); TwoRivers (600), 30 Jan (MSS); *Moultrie* (590), 2 Jan (TAM); FoxR, Elgin (Kane Co) (440), 21 Jan (ES); DiamondL, Mundelein (Lake Co) (420), 21 Dec (DBJ); Fermi (408), 8 Feb (GP); MissR (Carroll Co) (400), 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO). Reported in 57 counties. **Hybrid**: Common Goldeneye X Hooded Merganser (♂), PeoriaL, Peoria (Peoria Co), 6 Dec (MJW).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

FoxR (West Dundee) (Kane Co), 17 Jan-28 Feb (JHn m.ob.:ph); PeoriaL (Peoria Co) (♀), 27 Dec & 20 Jan (MJW, SA & KBR resp).

Hooded Merganser

MC: 600, BaldwinL, 11 Jan (DMK); 350, CONWR, 23 Dec (JG); 250, LSpfld, 1 Jan (CD); 124, ClintonL, 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). **Others**: Ark (67), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); RendL-F (65), 7 Dec (KAM); TwoRivers (51), 9 Dec (LRr, BSf); Chann (42), 10 Jan (CAT); CarlL-C (40), 16 Feb (DMK); Emiquon (38), 16 Dec (JG); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (38), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (36), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); NU Lake Fill, Evanston (Cook Co) (21), 14 Dec (MMC); WaterfallGlen (14), 6 Dec (DBC); LVerm (13), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); Wauk (11), 1 Jan (JWL, JSg, GAW). Reported from 46 counties.

Common Merganser

MC: 2000, CarlL-C, 11 Jan (DMK); 1700, 87th St Steel Mills, Chi, 24 Jan (AG); 1000, LSpfld, 18 Jan (CD); 927 & 469, MissR (Rock Island Co), 18 Dec & 10 Jan (KJM, RN & KJM resp); 847, LostMound, 19 Dec (SDB, DTW). **Others**: MissR (Mercer Co) (619), 11 Jan (KJM); L&D 21, Quincy (Adams Co) (583), 19 Jan (SDB); GrassL (Lake Co) (500), 31 Jan (BJS); Rt 6 Quarry Ponds (Will Co) (460), 31 Dec (DFS); DresdenI L&D (Grundy Co) (425), 16 Feb (AFS); ClintonL (425), 3 Feb (TH); Emiquon (350), 16 Dec (JG); CONWR (350), 26 Feb (DDM); Three Oaks RA (McHenry Co) (316), 6 Dec (ES); HennepinL

Greater Scaup, above left, with Common Merganser. Wilmette Harbor. Cook County. 21 January 2015. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Common Merganser with crawdad. Chicago River. Cook County. 21 February 2015. Photo by Sid Padgaonkar.

(255), 12 Dec (DFS); Altofer Tract (Peoria Co) (250), 28 Jan (ECn); QC (194), 14 Dec (KJM, SH); CarnationPk, Oregon (Ogle Co) (191), 21 Feb (DTW); Fermi (155), 20 Dec (GP); RockCut (97), 8 Dec (DTW). Reported from 54 counties.

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 2120, Burnham Pk, Chi (Cook Co), 25 Dec (EG); 570, Lake ForestB (Lake Co), 27 Dec (NGg, SH, GAW); 137, RendL-J, 20 Dec (KAM); 80, CarlL-C, 6 Dec (DMK). **Others**: HL (22), 6 Dec (FRH); LCharleston (Coles Co) (12), 11 Dec (RB); Carbondale Res (Jackson Co) (11), 3 Dec (JTr); TwoRivers (9), 9 Feb (GHy); CONWR (5), 12 Feb (JG); McKinley Wds FP - Moosel (Will Co) (4), 10 Feb (VS); LSpfld (4), 11 & 25 Jan (HDB, CD). Reported in 30 counties.

Ruddy Duck

MC: 4000, CarlL-C, 20 Dec (DMK); 2800, CONWR, 23 Dec (JG); 615, LSpfld, 4 Dec (HDB); 450, Benton (Franklin Co), 20 Dec (DDM); 325, RendL-J, 20 Dec (KAM); 230, PereMarquette, 20 Dec (BRe); 229, *Marion*, 26 Jan (RMR); 225, Peoria CBC (Woodford Co), 20 Dec (DHr, TH). **Others**: HL (130), 7 & 14 Feb (C&GH & FRH resp); UCCA (90), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); Carbondale Res (Jackson Co) (83), 10 Dec (JTr); Metropolis (Massac Co) (76), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); CarlL-F (56), 23 Dec (KAM); O'Fallon WTF (St. Clair Co) (54), 16 Dec (GHy); CalumetPk (Cook Co) (29), 6 Dec (TBL); Wauk (14), 1 Jan (BJS); Rt 6 Quarry Ponds (Will Co) (14), 2 Jan (VS). Reported from 41 counties.

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 32, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 14, *Edwards*, 10 Jan (RES); 10, CarlL-F, 12 Dec (MSS); Mercer (5), 26 Dec (JLM, CDM).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 32, Urbana, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 30, MiddleFork FP (Champaign Co), 10 Jan (NHk); 21, No. Fork Ditch (Logan Co), 27 Dec (TAM). **Others**: Heritage Pk (Will Co) (15), 22 Feb (DZ); ClintonL (13), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Sanders Rd (Tazewell Co) (12), 15 Jan (JPs); *Boone* (11), 5 Jan (AFS); HL (10), 16 Jan (HP); 51, *Whiteside*, 21 Dec (SH, TH); *Grundy* (4), 16 Jan (VS); NelsonL Marsh NP (Kane Co) (3), 7 Feb (TM); CarlL-C (2), 1 Feb (DMK); Helmick NP (Cook Co), 9 Dec (MMC). Reported from 41 counties mostly of 1s and 2s.

Greater Prairie-Chicken

PrRdg-J (63), 23 Dec (JWW et al.); PrRdg-J (23), 3 Feb (RES); *Marion* (28), 25 Feb (RES).

Wild Turkey

MC: 185, *Williamson*, 21 Dec (RMR); 119 (single flock), Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 75, RendL-F, 20 Dec (DMK); 59, *Carroll*, 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO); 51, Van Petten CBC (Whiteside Co), 21 Dec (SH, THr). **Others**: *Grundy* (45), 13 Feb (AFS); Ark (44), 31 Dec (JG, DDM); HennepinL (40), 22 Feb (MHB); *Peoria* (40), 3 Jan (DSn); QC (39), 14 Dec (BLB, CBs, JMl); *St Clair* (38), 25 Jan (C&GH); CarlL-C (36), 23 Jan (GHy); *LaSalle* (35), 8 Feb (JAS); Rt 113 (Kankakee Co) (32), 9 Feb (JHH); Merwin Pr (McLean Co) (31), 14 Dec (TEB, DHr, TH); *Madison* (30), 19 Jan (NW); *Boone* (28), 5 Jan (AFS); Saw Wee Kee Pk (Kendall Co) (25), 19 Jan (NJG); Pleasant Plains (Sangamon Co) (25), 15 Jan (MMn); KSP & MidFork (19), 14 Dec (GSL, RK); Newport Twp (Lake Co) (15), 7 Dec (SDB, BJS, ASS); BRSF (12), 22 Dec (KJM, LB). Reported from 50 counties.

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 41, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 33, LSpfld, 11 Dec (HDB); 32, RendL-F, 20 Dec (DMK). **Others**: ClintonL (12), 10 Jan (EWr); KinkaidL (Jackson Co) (11), 1 Jan (KJM, VL); Ark (8), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); CONWR (7), 21 Dec (VLg); North Shore Channel, Chi (4), 16 Jan (m.ob.).

Horned Grebe

MC: 80, BaldwinL, 11 Jan (DMK); 65, RendL-F, 7 Dec (KAM). **Others**: Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (9), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); LSpfld (8), 9 Dec (HDB); RendL-J (8), 20 Dec (KAM); CONWR (5), 8 Dec (DDM); Montrose (4), 1 Dec (LGM); LCharleston (Coles Co) (4), 11 Dec (RB); Carbondale Res (Jackson Co), 3 Dec (JTr); HL (2), 6 Dec (FRH); CarlL-C (2), 23 Dec (BRe); VictoriaL, So. Beloit (Winnebago Co), 17-20 Dec (m.ob.); Wauk, 3 - 22 Dec (BJS, SDB, AFS); ClintonL, 21 Dec & 3 Jan (SDB, GSL & DMK, KAM resp); LVerm, 14 Dec (MPW); Emiquon, 21 Dec (PAM).

Red-necked Grebe

VictoriaL, So. Beloit (Winnebago Co), 17-20 Dec (LGJ, DTW, AFS, ATB).

Western Grebe

Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 26 Dec (AMR); Clark Bridge, MissR (Madison Co), 13 Dec (DG, C&JM).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 662, East Peoria (Tazewell Co), 20 Dec (JPs); 550, Chi, 19 Jan (DFS); 535, Urbana (3), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 289, QC, 11 Jan (KJM); 250, Chann, 23 Jan (RG); 220, Gurnee Twp (Lake Co), 15 Jan (AJ); 200, *DuPage*, 20 Dec (JIN); 200, Riverplex, Peoria (Peoria Co), 21 Feb (SA, MJW); 200, CarlL-C, 13 Dec (DMK). **Others**: KankakeeD (Kankakee Co) (175), 5 Jan (JHH); Mattoon (Coles Co) (175), 6 & 25 Dec (V&GT); PagePk, Dixon (Lee Co) (160), 24 Jan (GAW); *Sangamon* (140), 13 Feb (CL); Oswego Twp (Kendall Co) (130), 20 Dec (DFS); Marshall Twp (Clark Co) (120), 7 Feb (V&GT).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 31, Hennepin Canal (Henry Co), 7 Dec (SH); 28, Chebanse Grain Bins (Kankakee Co), 13 Feb (JHH); CarlL-C (28), 24 Dec (DMK). **Others**: Grove Rd Trl (Kendall Co) (20), 16 Feb (m.ob.); Farm Ridge (LaSalle Co) (20), 18 Jan (SPr); *Sangamon* (18), 11 Jan (HDB); *Kane* (15), 17 Dec (KCA); Chi (15), 4 Jan (MMC); Havana Twp (Mason Co) (15), 31 Jan (AGt); Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (14), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); LShel (11), 2 Jan (DMK); Whiteside (10), 21 Dec (SH, THr); New Windsor (Mercer Co) (6), 7 Dec (KJM); *Henry* (6), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (6), 18 Dec (JHH); Braceville (Grundy Co) (6), 18 Dec (JHH); Astoria (Fulton Co) (2) & Virginia (Cass Co) (2), 20 Jan (SDB); Henning (Vermilion Co) (4), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); ClintonL (3), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Rckfd (2), 20 Jan (DTW); Pierce Twp (DeKalb Co) (2), 14 Jan (PAM); West Chi (DuPage Co), 22 Jan (SAC). Reported from 62 counties.

Mourning Dove

MC: 390, Oswego Twp (Kendall Co), 20 Dec (DFS); 300, CarlL-C, 7 Dec (DMK); 213, Sang, 3 Jan (HDB); 141, West Chicago (DuPage Co), 29 Dec (SK); 120, CrystalL (Henderson Co), 20 Dec (P&GL); 120, *Bond*, 25 Dec (JSt, MSS); 115, LRSHNC, 14 Dec (CGi); 108, Urbana (3), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Mercer* (100), 7 Dec & 2 Jan (KJM). **Others**: Rock Island (99), 5 Dec (KJM); Limestone Twp (Kankakee Co) (90), 27 Dec (DFS); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (80), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Union* (64), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); GlacialPk (60), 2 Jan (AJ); Ark (56), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); Crete (Will Co) (42), 26 Dec (SZ).

Sora

RollinsSav, 7 Dec (SDB).

American Coot

MC: 500, CONWR, 21 Dec (VLg, DDM); 500, HLCA,1 Jan (KAM); 200, Ark, 26 Jan (JTr); Calumet Pk (Cook Co) (150), 1 Dec (ASA). **Others**: Three Oaks RA (McHenry Co) (72), 6 Dec (ES); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (61), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); BaldwinL (St. Clair Co) (60), 11 Jan (DMK); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (56), 18 Jan (JHH); LSpfld (55), 24 Dec (HDB); RockR (Whiteside Co) (50), 21 Dec (CK, C&DZ); Bonnie (Jefferson Co) (50), 9 Jan (MLz); BaldwinL (50), 25 Feb (JTr); HL (40), 1 Jan (FRH); Wauk (29), 29 Dec (ASl); *Marion* (27), 26 Dec (RMR); ShabbonaL (18), 2 Dec (RA); RockCut (16), 27 Dec (DTW); Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (14), 24 Jan (SF); I&M Trl (Grundy Co) (13), 31 Jan (JAS). Reported from 43 counties.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 375, Oak Park, Chi, 28 Dec (EDG); 336, Lake ForestB (Lake Co), 27 Dec (GAW m.ob.); 332, Springbrk, 17 Dec (DKa); 300, St Charles (Kane Co), 17 Dec (DSi); 100, Three Oaks RA (McHenry Co), 28 Dec (JAn). **Others**: Bartel (200), 18 Dec (PL); *Edwards* (50), 28 Jan (RES); Morris (Grundy Co) (25), 1 Dec (BMs); HennepinL (20), 20 Dec (TWf); *Lawrence* (9), 2 Jan (JPl); Davenport (Rock Island Co) (4), 14 Dec (SH, KJM, SN); Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (2), 13 Dec (SDB, PAM); StarvedRock (2), 21 Feb (MWr); *Boone,* 10 Jan (LHe); *Carroll*, 16 Dec (EA, RN); CarpentersvilleD (Kane Co), 14 Feb (PRn). A major flight of several thousand cranes passed through Lake, Cook and McHenry counties on 27 & 28 Dec. A smaller flight of several hundred passed through DuPage Co on 17 & 18 Dec.

Killdeer
MC: 87, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 35, Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); 30, CarlL-C, 8 Feb (DMK); 16, KLMSNA, 8 Feb (C&PD); 14, *Edwards*, 30 Dec (RES); 10, *Randolph*, 7 Feb (KAM). **Other**: RendL-J (7), 20 Dec (KAM); QC (2), 14 Dec (BLB, CBs, JMl); *Whiteside*, 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO).

Wilson's Snipe
MC: 14, EasterSl (Pulaski Co), 6 Feb (KAM, MSS); 10 & 8, TwoRivers, 30 Jan & 9 Feb (MSS & GHy resp). **Others**: Lisle Arb CBC (Cook Co) (7), 14 Dec (GAW-compiler); *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); Limestone Twp (Kankakee Co), 27 Dec (JHH); Chau, 19 Dec (PA); Champaign (Scott Pk, Boneyard Crk), 13-14 Jan (RK).

American Woodcock
MC: 3, *Shelby*, 18 Feb (RES); 3 (heard peenting), Peabody, 21 Feb (PL, SLAS field trip); 3, CONWR, 6 Feb (KAM, MS). **Others**: CarlL, 10 Feb (MS); *Edwards*, 9 Feb (RES).

Black-legged Kittiwake
LoyolaPk (Cook Co), 6 Dec (SGS:ph).

IVORY GULL
Quincy (Adams Co) (ad), 2-9 Jan (JMs, PJR, JF, AMR, AGD, BS:ph, DMK:ph m.ob.:ph*). Only the 3rd well-documented record for Illinois.

Bonaparte's Gull
MC: 1850, RendL-F, 19 Dec (KAM); 400, CONWR, 21 Dec (JG); 400, CarlL-C, 28 Dec (DMK); 150, LSpfld, 8 Dec (HDB). **Others**: O'Fallon WTF (St. Clair Co) (60), 1 Dec (GHy); RendL (40), 2 Jan (KAM); ClintonL (20), 1 Jan (BM); *Marion* (10), 26 Dec (RMR); Ullin (Pulaski Co) (9), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); 1 Jan (GHy); Lincoln Greens (Sangamon Co) (5), 6 Jan (JM); Chau (5), 27 Dec (RF); SpringL SFWA (Tazewell Co) (4), 28 Dec (DHr); LSpfld (4), 13 Dec (JM); Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (2), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); Quincy (Adams Co), 3 Jan (ER); *Moultrie*, 2 Jan (TAM).

Franklin's Gull
CarlL-C (ad), 16 Feb (DMK:ph).

MEW GULL
CinderFlats, LSpfld, 19 Dec (HDB:ph).

Ring-billed Gull
MC: 20,000, CarlL-C, 31 Jan (DMK); 5500, *St Clair*, 23 Jan (KAM); 5300, HL, 20 Dec (FRH); 5000, LSpfld, 25 Jan (HDB). **Others**: RendL-F (3000), 15 Feb (OJ); *Washington* (1800), 19 Dec (KAM); *Moultrie* (1773), 2 Jan (TAM); *Bond* (1014), 6 Dec (M&JS); RockR (Whiteside Co) (328), 21 Dec (DA, LBn m.ob.); NPM (250), 7 Feb (AJ); JP (226), 25 Dec (PRC); WilmingtonI Pk (Will Co) (210), 28 Jan (JHH); I&M Trl (Grundy Co) (200), 15 Feb (JAS); QC (120), 28 Jan (KJM); Fermi (25), 22 Dec (DL); ShabbonaL (21), 2 Dec (RA); RockCut (20), 2 Jan (JCL). Reported from 77 counties.

Black-legged Kittiwake (1st Winter), right, with Ring-billed Gull. Loyola University, Chicago. Cook County. 6 December 2014. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Ivory Gull (adult). Quincy. Adams County. 3 January 2015. Photo by Ron Bradley.

California Gull
CarlL-C, 21 Dec (1st) & 17 Jan (1st/2nd) (DMK:ph);

Herring Gull
MC: 3000, NPM, 14 Feb (GAW); 900, LSpfld, 18 Jan (CD); 800 & 200, CarlL-C, 21-22 Feb & 6-7 Dec resp (DMK); 650, LCal, 19 Jan (DFS); 500, Melvin Price L&D (Madison Co), 28 Feb (BRe). **Others**: Eastport Marina (Tazewell Co) (400), 13 Dec (SA, MJW); DresdenI L&D (Grundy Co) (350), 18 Feb (DFS); LDec (317), 4 Feb (TAM); Riverplex, Peoria (Peoria Co) (300), 21 Feb (SA;MJW); *St Clair* (300), 23 Jan (KAM); RendL-F (300), 18 Feb (OJ); RockCut (158), 27 Dec (DTW); Brandon Rd L&D (Will Co) (130), 31 Dec (DFS); QC (120), 28 Jan (KJM); StarvedRock (120), 8 Feb (JIE); Elmhurst ComEd Substation (DuPage Co) (54), 2 Dec (GP). Reported from 57 counties. **Hybrid**: "Nelson's" (Herring X Glaucous) – CalumetR, Chi, 8 Feb (AAA:ph).

"Nelson's" Gull (Glaucous X Herring Gull hybrid), right. Calumet River, Chicago. Cook County. 8 February 2015. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

Adult Thayer's Gull (right) and Herring Gull. Peoria Lake. Peoria County. 11 January 2015. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Thayer's Gull

MC: 11, NPM, 14 Feb (BZ); 7, GrantPk, Chi, 25 Dec (EG;GAW); 6, Riverplex, Peoria (Peoria Co), 21 Feb (SA, MJW). **Others**: DresdenI L&D (Grundy Co) (3), 16-21 Feb (PAM, DFS); LSpfld (3), 8-26 Jan (HDB, CD, CSd); Melvin Price L&D (Madison Co) (3), 26 Feb (BRe); MissR (Rock Island Co) & QC (1st & ad), 23 Dec & 28 Jan resp (KJM); CarlL-C (3rd), 17 Jan (DMK:ph). 1's, 2's and 3's reported from multiple sites in *Lake*, *Cook*, and *Peoria*, and 1's and 2's from Kane, LaSalle, Will, Peoria, Woodford, Hancock, Tazewell and Macon counties.

Iceland Gull (1st Cycle). Peoria Lake. Peoria County. 7 February 2015. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Glaucous Gull, front, with Herring Gull. North Point Marina. Lake County. 14 February 2015. Photo by Wes Serafin.

Lesser Black-backed Gull. Peoria Lake. Peoria County. 11 January 2015. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Iceland Gull

NPM (4), 14 Feb (m.ob.); CarlL-C (4), 10 & 31 Jan (2nd), 24 Jan (2, 1st) & 15 Feb (1st), & (DMK:ph); Melvin Price L&D (Madison Co) (3), 22 Feb (JPU); CalumetPk, (Cook Co) (2), 15 Feb (DA, TF); PeoriaL (Tazewell Co) (2), 20 Feb (SA); MissR (Rock Island Co) (1st), 18 Dec (KJM); Chann, 10 Feb (AFS); DresdenI L&D (Grundy Co), 30 Jan & 13-21 Feb (m.ob.); I&M Trl (Grundy Co), 15 & 18 Feb (JAS, JV); Cottonwood Cem (Peoria Co), 9 Jan (ECn); Riverplex, Peoria (Peoria Co), 31 Jan & 22 Feb (m.ob.); LDec, 3 Feb (TH). Singletons reported from several sites in *Lake* and *Cook*, generally along LMichigan.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 8, LSpfld, 27 Feb (HDB); 5, IBSP, 7 Dec (SDB, BJS, ASS). **Others**: HL (4), 18 Jan & 14 Feb (FRH); CarlL-C (3; 2 ad & 2nd), 17 Jan – 22 Feb (DMK); QC (1st), 14 Dec (KJM, SH); LShel, 8 Dec (RB). 1's and 2's reported from several sites in Lake, Cook, Grundy, Peoria and Madison, and singletons from Winnebago, Will, Tazewell, Macon, Clinton and Franklin counties.

SLATY-BACKED GULL

Peoria (Peoria Co), 11 Jan (DJM); CalumetPk (Cook Co) (ad), 7 &12 Feb (GAW:ph, COS & AAA, FRM). The 6th & 7th Illinois record for this species, quickly becoming a yearly winter vagrant.

Glaucous Gull

MC: 7, NPM, 14 Feb (m.ob.); 4, LCal, 18 Jan (ASA). **Others**: PeoriaL (Tazewell Co) (2), 13 & 14 Dec (SA, MJW, MBB); QC (1st), 14 Dec (KJM, SH); Melvin Price L&D (Madison Co), 1-28 Feb (m.ob.); CarlL-C, 30 Dec (1st) & 21-22 Feb (ad) (DMK:ph). Singletons reported from several sites in *Lake* and *Cook*, and from sites in Grundy, Will, Peoria, Woodford, DeWitt, Macon, Moultrie and Franklin counties.

Slaty-backed Gull. Calumet Park. Cook County. 7 February 2015. Photo by Geoff Williamson.

Slaty-backed Gull, top left. Peoria. Peoria County. 11 January 2015. Photo by Jim Mountjoy.

Great Black-backed Gull. North Point Marina. Lake County. 14 February 2015. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Great Black-backed Gull

LCal (10), 15 Jan (JRRS); CalumetPk (Cook Co) (7), 7 Feb (COS, FRM); Wauk (3 & ad), 1 Jan & 25 Feb (EG, ASl & NCl:ph resp); NPM (3), 24 Feb (NT); JL (BurnhamPk) (3), 3 & 7 Feb (JIE, DFS, TWf); GreenR SFWA (Lee Co) (1st), 21 Dec (KJM); Chann, 10 Feb (MAM, AFS); DresdenI L&D (Grundy Co), 13-21 Feb (m.ob.); I&M Trl (Grundy Co), 15 & 18 Feb (JAS, JV); Riverplex, Peoria and Peoria Riverfront (Peoria and Tazewell Cos), 20-26 Feb (m.ob.); Melvin Price L&D (Madison Co), 28 Feb (CH, BRe, GS); HL, 14-21 Feb (C&GH, FRH). 1's, 2's and 3's reported from LMichigan lakefront from Evanston south to CalumetPk (Cook Co).

Red-throated Loon

Singleton reports from the LMichigan lakefront in Lake Co from Wauk, 20 Dec (ASA, JLe) and IBSP, 1 Jan & 21-28 Feb (SDB, ASS, BJS m.ob.) and Cook Co from Montrose, 5 Dec (ASA, FRM), Gillson, 6 Dec (AFS), JP, 28 Dec, 15 & 24 Feb (CD, TW m.ob.), Lincoln Pk and ChicagoR, Chi, 21 & 28 Feb (RDH:ph m.ob.), BurnhamPk, Chi, 15, 27 & 28 Feb (MMC, BL, JIN, DFS), CalumetPk (Cook Co), 25 & 27 Feb (MMC, SPh); LVermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM, BSo:ph, JR).

Common Loon

MC: 10, Wolf Crk Causeway (Williamson Co), 22 Dec (WW). **Others**: LSpfld (2), 4 Dec (HDB); Wauk, 6 Dec (NS, CW); UniversalMine, 2 Dec (VW); LCharleston (Coles Co), 11 Dec (RB); PereMarquette, 1 Jan (DSt); HL, 8 Dec (SBr, OD, PL); Benton and RendL (Franklin Co), 20 Dec (DDM, KAM). Singleton reports from the LMichigan lakefront in Cook Co from Glencoe, 2 Dec (ASA), Gillson, 6 Dec (AFS), 87th St Steel Mills, Chi, 7 & 20 Dec (AG) and BelmontH, Chi, 11 Dec through 26 Dec (m.ob.).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 135, BraidwoodL, 4 Dec (JHH). **Others**: Quincy (Adams Co) (25), 10 Jan (C&NW); Carl-C (12), 12 Dec (MSS); CONWR (12), 2 Jan (JG); RendL-F (8), 20 Dec (OJ); LSpfld (7), 4 Dec (HDB); Little CalumetR (Cook Co) (6), 16 Feb (ASA); Chau (6), 27 Dec (RF); QC (5), 14 Dec (KJM, SH); North Shore Channel, Chi (3), 16 & 22 Jan (m.ob.); Wauk (2), 6 Dec&1 Jan (BJS, NS, CW); Warrenville (DuPage Co) (2), 17 Dec (DEL); UCCA (2), 7 Dec & 7 Jan (MLz); Wauk (ComEd Plant), 28 Feb (SDB, ASS, BJS).

American White Pelican

MC: 200 &120, CarlL-C, 6 Dec & 15 Feb resp (DMK); 65, RendL-J, 20 Dec (KAM); 64, *Jersey*, 30 Jan (MSS); 63, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SH); 53, TwoRivers, 23 Dec (BSf). **Others**: Kaskaskia L&D (Randolph Co) (45), 7 Feb (KAM); SmithL (Scott Co) (38), 18 Jan (SDB); *Union* (36), 26 Jan (DDM); MermetL (25), 4 Feb (APy); KLMSNA (22), 8 Feb (C&PD); MissR (Rock Island Co) (21), 23 Dec (KJM); Chann (20), 10 Dec (MTs); Melvin Price L&D (Madison Co) (13), 28 Feb (FRH); Rock Island Arsenal (Rock Island Co) (10), 13 Feb (SH); Quincy L&D 21 (Adams Co) (10), 20 Feb (BS); StarvedRock (9), 7 Feb (JIE); Hamilton (Hancock Co) (7), 23 Dec (BW); East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (2), 20 Dec (JPs); *Bond* (2), 23 Dec (CHr); Benton (Franklin Co) (2), 20 Dec (DDM); Riverplex, Peoria (Peoria Co), 12 & 16 Dec (MHB, EC); CONWR, 4 Dec, 1 & 5 Jan (JG & KAM resp).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 90, CarlL-C, 5 Feb (MSS); 86, QuinsippiI (Adams Co), 10 Jan (MP); 52, LSpfld, 24 Jan (HDB). **Others**: Metropolis (Massac Co) (42), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); Spring Lake SRA (Tazewell Co) (30), 4 Jan (NS); TwoRivers (23), 6 Feb (BSf); RendL-F (21), 28 Feb (JG); CarlL-F (20), 19 Jan (MSS); ClintonL (14), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); WonderL (McHenry Co) (13), 8 Jan (PK); *Whiteside* (12), 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO); *Jackson* (10), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); Oswego Twp (Kendall Co) (7), 23 Jan (ASA); BRSF (6), 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); North Shore Channel, Chi (5), 2 Jan (FRM). Reports from 64 counties.

Great Egret

PereMarquette (2), 20 Dec (BRe); Chann, 23 Dec (DZ); Lewistown (Fulton Co), 13 Dec (MMn); TwoRivers, 23 Dec (BSf); RendL-J, 13 & 20 Dec (KAM); *Williamson*, 21 Dec (RMR).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Reports of mostly 1 or 2 birds throughout the winter from Chicago parks including Garfield, Humboldt and Lincoln and from the ChicagoR and North Shore Channel. Two reports of 4 birds each on 2 & 3 Jan from the North Shore Channel (MMC, FRM).

Black Vulture

MC: 38, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (RMR, TWf); 29, *Pulaski*, 6 Feb (KAM, MS); 18, *Monroe*, 1 Jan (C&PD); 16, *Johnson*, 19 Feb (TK, MSS); 16, HLCA, 28 Dec (APa); 13, *Randolph*, 6 Feb (GHy). **Others**: Ft Kaskaskia SHS (Randolph Co) (10), 7 Feb (KAM); Pomona (10), 28 Jan (JTr); Anna (Union Co) (9), 9 Feb (JTr); KLMSNA (8), 22 Feb (C&PD); MermetL (5), 7 Feb (AR-H); *Pope* (4), 19 Feb (MS, TK); Mt.Vernon (Jefferson Co), 24 Jan (WW); Ark, 26 Jan (JTr);); many other reports of 1 to 4 birds throughout the far, southern part of the state throughout the winter, mostly in counties along the Mississippi or Ohio Rivers.

Turkey Vulture

MC: 142 (roost), *Monroe*, 1 Jan (C&PD); 91, *Randolph*, 6 Feb (GHy); 59, Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR). **Others**: Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co) (26), 16 Jan (V&GT); HL (22), 28 Dec (APa); *Sangamon* (19), 25 Dec (HDB); *Edwards* (18), 10 Jan (RES); Alton (Madison Co) (17), 3 Feb (GHy); The Gullies NA (Bond Co) (15), 1 Jan (MSr); Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (13), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); *Pike* (12), 3 Feb (JV); CarlL-C (12), 24 Jan (DMK); LShelD (Shelby Co) (10), 7 Feb (TAM); Wolf Crk Causeway (Williamson Co) (10), 21 Jan (WW); Long Hollow Tower & Scenic Outlook (JoDaviess Co), 28 Jan (DEL); Lincoln Bridge (LaSalle Co), 8 Feb (DTW); Danville, 29 Jan (BPe). Reports from 48 counties concentrated in the southern end of the state.

Bald Eagle

MC: 405, MissR (Rock Island Co), 10 Jan (KJM); 300, Quincy (Adams Co), 4 Jan (DMK); 120, CarlL-C, 19 Jan & 15 Feb (DMK); 105, L&D 18 (Henderson Co), 17 Jan (CO). 97, TwoRivers, 28 Jan (LRr, DSf, CSm); 94, LostMound, 19 Dec (SDB, DTW). **Others**: Lock 19 (Hancock Co)

Red-throated Loon. Chicago River, Chicago. Cook County. 21 February 2015. Photo by Robert Hughes.

(67), 11 Jan (DA); Fulton (Whiteside Co) (63); 22 Feb (JAS); PereMarquette (50), 26 Jan (NR); *Mercer* (44), 11 Jan (KJM); *Union* (19), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); StarvedRock (14), 13 Feb (AFS); RockR (Ogle Co) (9), 6 Feb (LHe): *McHenry* (8), 3 Feb (SSh); DresdenI L&D (Grundy Co) (8), 18 Feb (VS); Oswego Twp (Kane Co) (7), 3 Feb (MWr); Saw Wee Kee Pk (Kendall Co) (7), 27 Feb (SJ); ClintonL (6), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Steelworkers Pk, Chi (5), 25 Feb (SPh); Wauk (3), 1 Jan (ASl); Saint Anne (Kankakee Co) (3), 18 Jan (BBn); ShabbonaL (2), 2 Dec (RA); Fermi (2), 14 Dec (GP).

Northern Harrier

MC: 38, PrRdg-J, 23 Dec (JWW et al.); 28, *Clinton*, 17 Jan (MSS); 25, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf). **Others**: *Bond* (15), 6 Dec (MSS); Nipper WS (Sangamon Co) (12), 22 Jan (TRg); IDNR World Shooting Complex (Randolph Co) (12), 7 Feb (PL); Sauder Rd (Tazewell Co) (10), 10 Feb (TJ); Springbrk (9), 17 Dec (DKa); *Union* (6), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); Prairie Green, Geneva (Kane Co) (4) 20 Dec (PM); Sauer Family Prairie Kame FP (Kane Co) (4), 2 Jan (BL); Midewin (3), 23 Dec (DZ); Urbana (3), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). Many reports of 1 or 2 birds reported from 82 counties.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 3, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SH); 2, Mercer, 26 Dec (KJM, SH); 2, MeadbrkPk, 8 Feb (PB); 2, Ark, 31 Dec (JG, DDM); 2, CarlL-C, 23 Dec (DMK); RendL CBC (Jefferson Co), 20 Dec (KAM). **Others**: Reports of singletons from throughout the state & throughout the reporting period, with reports from 51 counties.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 4, Sang, 24 Dec & 25 Jan (HDB); 4, *Wabash*, 14 Dec (NBn, SHp). **Others**: JP (3), 23 Dec (PRC); *so. McLean* (3), 18 Jan (GHr, ACa); PereMarquette (3), 20 Dec (BRe); Ark (3), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf). Reports from throughout the state predominantly of single birds with the occasional 2's. Reports from 74 counties.

Northern Goshawk

Palatine (Cook Co), 15-25 Jan (PS); *Henderson* (imm), 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); Oak Run (Knox Co) (imm), 14 Jan (MJB); Peabody, 24 Jan (DR); Ark (imm), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 18, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 12, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec & 26 Jan (SDB, PAM & DDM resp); 8, CarlL-C, 21 Dec (DMK); 7, *Marion*, 26 Dec (RMR); 7, Rockwood (Jackson Co), 19 Dec (DDM); 7, Karnak (Pulaski Co), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR). **Others**: *Williamson* (6), 21 Dec (RMR); Metropolis (Massac Co) (6), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (5), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Monroe* (5), 10 Jan (C&PD); Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (4), 23 Dec (JWW – CBC compiler); RendL-F (4), 20 Dec (DMK); KCP (3), 14 Dec (MJE); Malta (DeKalb Co) (2), 13 Dec (HA); Marengo (McHenry Co), 15 Jan (KL); Crawford Rd (Lake Co), 20 Dec (BJS); Wauconda (Lake Co) (imm), 28 Feb (ASS, BJS:ph, SDB); FoxR, West Dundee (Kane Co), 17-18 & 24 Jan and 7-15 Feb (SB, AFS resp); Eggers Wds FP (Cook Co), 17 Dec (ASA); WaterfallGlen, 30 Jan (VS); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 18 Feb (LG); Chann, 7&27 Feb (JIN, JAS); HeideckeL, 25 Feb (SL); QC (ad), 21 Feb (KJM); KankakeePks, 31 Jan (JHH). Reports of 1s and 2s throughout the state from 52 counties including 14 northern counties.

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 60 & 40, CarlL-C, 24 Jan & 13, 14 Dec resp (DMK); 47, *Sangamon*, 11 Jan (HDB); 40, *St Clair*, 22 Dec (WW); 32, *so. McLean*, 18 Dec (GHr, ACa); 28, *Edwards*, 25 Dec (RES); 24, *Woodford*, 25 Feb (DHr, TH); 23, *Rock Island & Mercer*, 24 Dec (JLM, CDM); 20, *Washington*, 7 Dec (KAM). **Others**: *Union* (19), 26 Jan (DDM); Ark (17), 31 Dec (JG, DDM, TWf); Pittsfield Twp (Pike Co), 5 Jan (ASA, JLe, TRg); LostMound (15), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); GlacialPk (15), 22 Dec (M&DC); *Lake* (15), 28 Jan (PWS); Springbrk (13), 12 Dec (PSer); LCal (9), 28 Jan (LJK); Urbana (9), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Rckfd (8), 15 Feb (JCL); I-72 (Morgan Co) (8), 4 Jan (DMK); **Other forms**: LostMound ("Western"), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); "Kriders" (ad), SRSF, 10 Feb (MI); *Clinton* ("western" dark morph), 5 Dec & 24 Jan (DMK:ph). Reported from all but 3 counties.

Red-shouldered Hawk. Wauconda. Lake County. 28 February 2015. Photo by Beau Schaefer.

"Western" (dark morph) Red-tailed Hawk. Clinton County. 24 January 2015. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 22, Pleasant Plains (Sangamon Co), 11 Jan (HDB). 6, *Woodford*, 25 Feb (DHr, TH); 5, Carthage (Hancock Co), 10 Jan (m.ob.); 5, *Tazewell*, 10 Feb (TJ). **Others**: Springbrk (4), 2 Dec (PAM); Victoria Twp (Knox Co) (4), 13 Dec (DHh); Chi – Kansas City Expressway (Adams Co) (4), 9 Jan (JCL); Camden Twp (Schuyler Co) (4), 11 Jan (CB); Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (4), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); Ferguson FP (Winnebago Co) (3), 23 Jan (DTW); GlacialPk (3), 22 Dec (M&DC); Bartel (3), 1 Dec (SZ); Hanover Bluff NP (Jo Daviess Co) (3), 31 Jan (DEL); Arcola Twp (Douglas Co) (3), 17 Feb (OJ, LS); *Coles* (3), 10 Jan (KAM); PrRdg-M (3), 30 Jan (TDF); CarlL-C (3 light morph), 24 Jan (DMK); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Golden Eagle

LostMound, 5 Dec & 24 Jan (EB & TWf, DTW resp); Hanover Bluff NP (JoDaviess Co), 6 Dec (EB); *Winnebago*, 2 Feb (EC); *Carroll*, 28 Jan (AFS); *Mercer* (imm), 26 Dec (KJM, SH); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (imm), 17 Dec (SDB); UniversalMine, 13 & 20 & 24 Jan (RB & GT & TDF resp).

Barn Owl

CarlL-C, 23 Dec (DMK); *Marion (*at nest box), 28 Jan & 25 Feb (RES); *Edwards*, 31 Jan (RES); Ark, 31 Dec (JG, DDM).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 9, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); 8, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 6, *no. Vermilion*, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); 5, KArb, 20 Dec (AB, DTW); 5, LRSHNC, 14 Dec (CGi); 5, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: Castle Rock SP (Ogle Co) (4), 21 Dec (DTW); *Mercer* (4), 26 Dec (KJM, SH); *Henry* (4), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); *Sangamon* (4), 4 Jan (HDB); Ryerson (3), 27 Dec (BJS); Van Petten CBC (Whiteside Co) (3), 21 Dec (SH); GreenR SFWA (Lee Co) (3), 21 Dec (KJM, DA, LBn); McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co) (3), 4 Dec (PAM); Johnson Sauk Trl (Henry Co) (3), 15 Feb (SH); Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (so. Vermilion Co) (3), 17 Dec (SDB); TOT (3), 29 Dec (DDM). Reported from 35 counties.

Great Horned Owl

MC: 15, GreenR SFWA (Lee Co), 21 Dec (KJM, DA, LBn); 14, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); 10, *no. Vermilion*, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); 7, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 6, MArb, 14 Dec (JDC); 6, Arispie Twp (Bureau Co), 18 Dec (DFS); 6, Big Bend SFWA (Whiteside Co), 28 Dec (DTW); 5, Davenport CBC (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (SH;SN); 5, Western Mercer CBC (Mercer Co), 26 Dec (SH); 5, Lost Bridge Trl (Sangamon Co), 4 Jan (JGr). **Others**: Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (4), 14 Dec (ASA, LG, DKa); PineL, University Park (Will Co) (4), 3 Jan (SZ). Reports of 1-3 birds throughout the state in 53 counties.

Snowy Owl

MC: 10, O'Hare Intl Apt (Cook Co), continuing from November throughout the reporting period (fide ADS); 6, Viola Twp (Lee Co), 19-28 Feb (m.ob.); 5, 87th St Steel Mills (Cook Co), 2 Jan (AG). **Others**: Genoa Twp (DeKalb Co) (2), 1-6 Dec (KML, DSt); El Paso (Woodford Co), 31 Dec – 3 Jan (DMK:ph, TAM, KAM); Willard Apt, Savoy (Champaign Co), 26 Dec (GSL); US Rt. 136, Middlefork Twp (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (TP), found dead at same location 15 Dec, hit by car (**TP:ph); Virginia Twp (Cass Co), 19 Jan (SDB); Greenville (Bond Co), 24-30 Dec (DMK, MSS); Meacham Twp (Marion Co) (imm), 18 Dec (JPH, TE, RDy:ph). Ninety-seven individuals reported (fide DBJ) from 29 counties predominantly in the northern half of the state but as far south as Cass & Union Cos.

Snowy Owl. Meacham Township. Marion County. 18 December 2014. Photo by Richard Day.

Long-eared Owl. Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge. Carroll County. 13 January 2015. Photo by Bonnie Thoren.

Barred Owl

MC: 14, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 10, *no. Vermilion*, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); 7, *Mercer*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR); 6, HennepinL, 18 Dec (DFS); 6, CarlL-C, 23 Dec & 25 Jan (DMK & KAM resp); 6, SNF (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 5, Davenport CBC (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (SH, SN); 5, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); 5, *Williamson*, 21 Dec (RMR). **Others**: Big Bend SFWA (Whiteside Co) (4), 28 Dec (DTW); Bald Bluff (Henderson Co) (4), 22 Dec (SH); ClintonL (4), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co) (4), 17 Dec (SDB); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (4), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Metropolis (Massac Co) (4), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 7 Dec (SDB, BJS, ASS); Wright Wds FP (Lake Co), 28 Feb (SDB, BJS, ASS). Reported from 66 counties.

Long-eared Owl

MC: 4, *Kane*, 28 Feb (DL, WS); 3, KankakeePks, 26 & 27 Dec and 27 Jan (JHH); 3, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn). **Others**: KCP, 14 Dec (MJE); Potomac (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (PAM); Sand Bluff Bird Observatory (Winnebago Co), 3 Dec (JCL); Van Petten CBC (Whiteside Co), 21 Dec (SH); McKeeM, 1 Jan (JAS); NelsonL M NP (Kane Co), 31 Jan (WL); LTFP, 24 Dec (KJM); Bald Bluff (Henderson Co), 22 Dec (SH).

Barred Owl. Busey Woods, Urbana. Champaign County. 21 February 2015. Photo by Jeff Bryant.

Short-eared Owl

MC: 12, Ferrin (Clinton Co), 23 Dec (DMK, TBe, TAM); 10, PrRdg-J, 23 Dec (JWW et al.). **Others**: Ark (7), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); Ferguson (Winnebago Co) (6), 13 Feb (AB); Nipper WS (Sangamon Co) (6), 20 Jan (HDB); Killdeer Wet (Cook Co) (4), 18 Jan (BAS); Springbrk (4), 17 Dec (DKa, JAS); *Tazewell* (4), 10 Feb (TJ); *Edwards* (4), 28 Dec and 1 Jan (RES); Morgan/Cass/Co Line Rd (Cass Co) (3), 14 Dec (NS, CW); UniversalMine (3), 18 Jan (RB); CarlL-C (3), 10 Jan (DMK); KCP (2), 14 Dec (MJE); *Bond* (2), 6 Dec (DMK, MSS); Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 27 Dec (SDB). Singletons reported from McHenry, Lake, Will, Warren, Knox, Woodford, Champaign, Menard, Morgan, Douglas, and Fayette counties.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

MC: 4, KArb, 20 Dec (AB, DTW); 4, SRSF, 21 Dec (JV). **Others**: ClintonL, 21 Dec & 26 Dec - 7 Feb (2) (SDB, GSL:ph, RK:ph & DMK, TAM m.ob. resp). At least 4 years in row at one site.; Pine Dunes FP (Lake Co), 7 Dec & 28 Feb (SDB, GSL, ASS); *Mercer*, 26 Dec (KJM, SH); *Henry*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR); BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); KCP, 14 Dec (SDB, MJE); CarlL-C, 23 Dec (2) & 3 Jan (1) (DMK et al.). Four other reports from *Lake*, each 1 bird. Other singletons reported from *Ogle*, *DuPage*, *Will*, *Henry*, *Menard* and *Sangamon*.

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 4, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (BSo, JR); 3, *Lee*, 21 Dec (KJM); 3, *Henderson*, 22 Dec (KJM). There were 1-3 birds reported from 56 counties.

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 97, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 49, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 29, KSP & MidFork, 14 Dec (GSL, RK); 27, Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR). **Others**: CrystalL (Henderson Co) (24), 20 Dec (P&GL); Benton (Franklin Co) (21), 20 Dec (DDM); HL (18), 28 Dec (APa); BRSF (16), 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); Torsteson NA (Winnebago Co) (14), 14 Dec (DTW); *Carroll* (12), 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO); *Rock Island* (11), 18 Dec (KJM); Merwin Pr (McLean Co) (11), 14 Dec (TEB, DHr, TH); CarlL-C (11), 23 Dec (B&MR); KCP (10), 14 Dec (MJE); Blount Twp (Vermilion Co) (7), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); Ft Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (5), 7 Dec (NSr); Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co) (5), 17 Dec (SDB). Many reports of 1- 4 birds in 66 counties.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 66, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 43, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 40, Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM,

Merlin. Clinton County. 13 December 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

RMR); 35, Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co) (4), 17 Dec (SDB); 29, Karnak (Pulaski Co); 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); 26, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 26, PereMarquette, 20 Dec (BRe). **Others**: 25, LRSHNC, 14 Dec (CGi); Peoria CBC (Peoria Co) (25), 20 Dec (RF); HL (25), 28 Dec (APa); KSP & MidFork (23), 14 Dec (GSL, RK); CarlL-C (23), 23 Dec (M&BRe); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (20), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). Reported from 93 counties.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

MC: 16, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 11, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 9, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 6, Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR). **Others**: HL (4), 28 Dec (APa); CarlL-C (4), 6 & 14 Dec (DMK:ph); Forsyth (Macon Co) (3), 26 Dec (BTe); *Moultrie* (3), 2 Jan (TAM); Lincolnwood Dr. Subd (Madison Co) (3), 26 Dec (BJS); *Randolph* (3), 19 Dec (RMR); *Jefferson* (3), 19 Dec (KAM); *Williamson* (3), 21 Dec (RMR); LostMound (2), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); *Rock Island* (2), 23 Dec (KJM); *Mercer* (2), 26 Dec (KJM, SH); RendL-F (2), 20 Dec (DMK); Rckfd, 20 Dec (ATB); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co), 27 Feb (DW); Golfview Pk, Aurora (Kane Co), 6 Jan (LW:ph); Taylor Pk, Oak Park (Cook Co), 17 & 28 Dec (EDG); MArb, 7 Dec (EDq, JZi); Linden Oaks (Will Co), 8 Feb (JWe); GLPSNA, 8 Feb (SPr); *Henderson*, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); KankakeePks, 29 Dec & 20 Jan (JHH). Reported in 58 counties.

Gyrfalcon. Seven Hickory Township. Coles County. 16 January 2015. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 44, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 32, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 23, Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 22, Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co), 28 Dec (DFS); 22, HennepinL, 12 Dec (DFS); 21, Torsteson NA (Winnebago Co), 14 Dec (DTW). **Others**: Merwin Pr (McLean Co) (18), 14 Dec (TEB); KSP & MidFork (18), 14 Dec (GSL, RK); Chillicothe CBC (Peoria Co) (17), 4 Jan (RF); *Marion* (17), 26 Dec (RMR); *Henry* (16), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (16), 14 Dec (ASA, LG, DKa); Avondale Lane, Wilmette (Cook Co) (15), 24 Feb (DD); CrystalL (Henderson Co) (15), 20 Dec (P&GL); *Shelby* (15), 2 Jan (RLJ); *Randolph* (15), 19 Dec (RMR); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (15), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). Reported from 92 counties.

Prairie Falcon. Seven Hickory Township. Coles County. 4 February 2015. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 15, MArb, 14 Dec (JLd); 13, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 12, LTFP, 24 Dec (KJM); 11, KSP & MidFork, 14 Dec (GSL, RK); 11, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 10, Hoover FP (Kendall Co), 14 Dec (ASA, LG, DKa); 10, *Mercer*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR). **Others**: Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co) (6), 17 Dec (SDB); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (6), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Anna Page FP (Winnebago Co) (5), 14 Dec (DTW); RendL-F (5), 20 Dec (DMK). Reported from 82 counties.

Northern Flicker

MC: 44, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 31, HL, 28 Dec (APa); 27, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 25, CarlL-C, 23 Dec (M&BRe). **Others**: KSP & MidFork (14), 14 Dec (GSL, RK); *Rock Island* (13), 18 Dec (KJM); Torsteson NA (Winnebago Co) (12), 14 Dec (DTW); BRSF (11), 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); ClintonL (11), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); LostMound (9), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); *no. Vermilion* (8), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); KCP & KSP, MidFork (7), 14 Dec (GSL, RK & MJE resp); Crabtree NC (Cook Co) (5), 12 Dec (AFS). Reported in 88 counties.

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 20, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 19, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg). **Others**: PLNWR (8), 26 Dec (KJM, SH); Danville (Vermilion Co) (7), 14 Dec (BSo, JR); Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co) (7), 17 Dec (SDB); CONWR (7), 21 Dec (VLg, DDM); HL (7), 28 Dec (APa); LostMound (6), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); HennepinL (6), 2 Jan (DFS); KCP (6), 14 Dec (MJE); *Randolph* (6), 19 Dec (RMR); Murphysboro (Jackson Co) (6), 1 Jan (RMR); AndalusiaSl (Rock Island Co) (5), 23 Dec (KJM); LTFP (5), 24 Dec (KJM); SRSF (4), 21 Dec (PAM); PereMarquette (4), 20 Dec (BRe). Reports from 65 counties including *McHenry*, *Lake*, *Cook* & *DuPage*.

American Kestrel

MC: 31, *Edwards*, 25 Dec (RES); 28, *Clinton*, 20 Jan (G&CH). **Others**: *Rock Island* & *Mercer* (18), 23 Dec (KJM, JLM, CDM); Ark (18), 31 Dec (JG, DDM); *Scott*, *Morgan*, *Pike* & *Adams* (17), 18 Jan (SDB); Bee Crk (Pike Co) (15), 6 Dec (TRg); Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (14), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); U.S. Rt. 24 (Schuyler Co) & U.S. Rt.s 24 & 136 (Fulton Co) (11), 20 Jan (SDB); *Pulaski* (11), 27 Dec (PWS); LShel (10), 2 Jan (DMK); Greenville (Bond Co) (10), 10 Jan (MSr); Rockwood (Jackson Co) (10), 19 Dec (DDM); *Union* (10), 26 Jan (DDM); *so. McLean* (9), 18 Dec (GHr, ACa). Reports from 98 counties.

Merlin

MC: 4, Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 12 Jan (TDF); 2 (♂ & ♀), *Whiteside*, 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO); 2, 87th St Steel Mills (Cook County), 20 Dec (AG). **Others**: UMRNWR, 18 Jan (EB); *Lake*, 19 Jan (AS); Nachusa, 21 Feb (DTW); Kaneville Twp (Kane Co), 17 Dec (PAM); FoxR, West Dundee (Kane Co), 18 Jan & 7-8 Feb (JWL & SL, DMH, TH, CMn:ph resp); Emiquon, 9 Feb (SZ); ClintonL, 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Middlefork SFWA (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (JOS, CCC); U of I, Spfld (Sangamon Co), 27 Dec (HDB:ph); Ark (♀), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); CarlL-C (ad ♂ & juv ♂), 13 Dec & 10-17 Jan resp (DMK:ph).

Prairie Falcon. Mechanicsburg Township. Sangamon County. 6 January 2015. Photo by H. D. Bohlen courtesy Illinois State Museum, Springfield.

GYR FALCON

Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co) (gray morph), 12 Jan (RB:ph).

Peregrine Falcon

Pairs reported in Cook, Peoria, Adams, Madison, and Monroe counties. Singletons reported in 20 counties.

PRAIRIE FALCON

Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 19 Dec - 8 Feb (w/2 birds 25 Jan & 4 Feb) (TDF, DRD, RB:ph); Mechanicsburg Twp (Sangamon Co), 6 Jan (HDB:ph); Chambersburg (Pike Co), 10 & 17 Jan (PMW, GP & C&SD resp).

Northern Shrike. Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area. St. Clair County. 11 January 2015. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Monk Parakeet

MC: 32, E 100th St, Chi, 26 Feb (ASA, DKa, LY); 30, State Line Rd (Cook Co), 15 Feb (JIE). **Others**: LRSHNC (25), 14 Dec (CGi); WolfL (Cook Co) (24), 2 Feb (ASA, MMC); Elmhurst ComEd Substation (DuPage Co) (22), 2 Dec (GP); LCal (17), 27 Dec (WJM); Churchill Wds FP (DuPage Co) (10), 2 Jan (SH); Kenwood Pk, Chi (10), 15 Feb (TKn).

Eastern Phoebe

Metropolis (Massac Co) (2), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co), 4 Dec (PAM); Spring Valley NS, Schaumburg (Cook Co), 26 Dec (CLs); ClintonL, 24 Jan (PB, NS, CW); Petersburg (Menard Co), 10 Dec (MMn); *Randolph*, 19 Dec (RMR); Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); Benton (Franklin Co), 20 Dec (DDM); OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); MissR (Jackson Co), 20 Dec (DDM); CONWR, 21 Dec (VLg, DDM); MermetL, 6 Feb (KAM, MSS).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 3, Ark, 31 Dec (DDM, RES); 2, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (JWW et al.). **Others**: Peabody, 11 - 27 Jan (DMK:ph, KAM, et al.); *Richland*, 5 Jan (RES); *Wayne*, 6 Feb (RES); *Edwards*, 6 Dec - 27 Jan (RES); Mt. Carmel (Wabash Co), 14 Dec (NBn, SHp).

Northern Shrike

MC: 2, GreeneVal, 14 Dec (VS); 2, Springbrk, 16 Jan (PSa). **Others**: All singleton reports: Four Corners Rd (JoDaviess Co) 13 Dec (EB); LostMound, 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); Smith Rd (Winnebago Co), 14 Dec & 8 Jan (DTW); Pecatonica Twp (Winnebago Co), 16 Feb (DTW); MoraineHills, 30 Dec (RS); FoxR, 17 Jan (DN); *Lake* reports from Crawford Rd, 20 Dec (BSk), IBSP, 23 & 25 Dec (NH & RKg resp), RollinsSav, 1 Jan to 11 Feb (BJS, ASS), VoloBog, 11 & 24 Jan (RS), Cuba Marsh FP (Lake Co), 21 Jan (CSF) and COLSP, 18 Jan - 28 Feb (BJS, ASS); *Kane* reports from Aurora West FP, 1 Dec - 8 Feb (m.ob.), 19 Dec (PAM), & Fermi, 14 & 18 Dec (GP). *DuPage* reports from Pratt's Wayne Wds FP, 7 Dec, 11 & 23 Jan (PC, KW, DBC), Fermi, 17 & 31 Dec (GP & KW resp), Springbrk, 31 Jan (JAS); McKeeM, 17 Jan (m.ob.), GreeneVal, 2&8 Feb (DKa, VS) & McDowell Grove FP, 19 Feb (PAM). In other reports: PaulDouglas, 2-20 Dec (m.ob.); Franklin Grove (Lee Co), 21 Feb (JH); *Rock Island*, 23 Dec (KJM); *Kendall*, 18 Jan (JIN); Waa Kee Sha Pk (Kendall Co), 17 Feb (JV); Midewin, 18 Dec (DZ); Crete (Will Co), 25 Jan (SZ); Log Cabin Hill Rd (Putnam Co), 28 Dec (JCL); Pembroke Savanna (Kankakee Co), 16 Feb (JHH); SpringL SFWA (Tazewell Co), 28 - 31 Dec (m.ob.); Jim Edgar SFWA (Cass Co), 11 Jan (CSd); Nevada Rd (Macon Co), 21 Dec (TAM, MT); Peabody, 11 Jan - 7 Feb (DMK:ph m.ob.). This is the 2nd winter in a row where both shrike species have been documented (w/photos) from this southern Illinois location.; *Edwards*, 6 & 7 Dec (RES).

Blue Jay

MC: 190, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); 100, GreenR SFWA (Lee Co), 21 Dec (KJM); 91, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 64, *Moultrie*, 2 Jan (TAM); 59, LRSHNC, 14 Dec (CGi); 56, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 52, ClintonL, 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). **Others**: LTFP (48), 24 Dec (KJM); *No. Vermilion* (48), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); CONWR (48), 21 Dec (VLg); Ark (47), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); *Randolph* (46), 19 Dec (RMR); *Peoria* (44), 20 Dec (RF); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (41), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); *Shelby* (40), 2 Jan (RLJ); *Mercer* (32), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (30), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co) (29), 17 Dec (SDB); LostMound (24), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW).

American Crow

MC: 60,700, Middlefork River Valley CBC (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, VB m.ob.); 3063, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 2000, Karnak (Pulaski Co); 1 Jan (KAM); 1121, *Coles*, 27 Jan (V&GT); 1075, Champaign (Champaign Co), 19 Jan (PB). **Others**: HL (565), 15 Jan (KAM); *Sangamon* (508), 13 Jan (HDB); White Oak Pk, Bloomington (McLean Co) (450), 21 Dec (WH); Big Bend SFWA (Whiteside Co) (350), 28 Dec (DTW); East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (350), 24 Jan (RG); CarlL-C (300), 14 Dec (DMK); StarvedRock (275), 21 Dec (DHr, TH); *Bureau* (215), 20 Dec (CAT); Rock Island Arsenal (Rock Island Co) (200), 13 Feb (SH); Landfill Borrow Pits (St Clair Co) (200), 23 Jan (KAM); *Union* (143), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); GreenR SFWA (Lee Co) (99), 21 Dec (KJM); LostMound (81), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); *Lake* (80), 27 Jan (RAB); River Dr., Rckfd (76), 20 Dec (ATB); LShel (71), 2 Jan (DMK); ClintonL (63), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); ShabbonaL (50), 28 Jan (BVa); McKinley Wds FP - MooseI (Will Co) (50), 25 Jan (CSy).

Fish Crow

HLCA, 4 Feb (MTl).

Horned Lark

MC: 617, Chillicothe CBC (Peoria Co), 4 Jan (RF); CarlL-C (300), 30 Dec (DMK). **Others**: *McHenry* (188), 10 Jan (Jan, M&DC); *Shelby* (170), 2 Jan (CAT); *Piatt* (159), 23 Feb (CAT); Stillman Valley (Ogle Co) (150), 26 Jan (DTW); rural Putnam (Putnam Co) (150), 9 Jan (FR); CarlL-C (150), 19 Feb (GHy); *Jersey* (138), 27 Feb (MSS); Yorkville (Kendall Co) (108), 21 Feb (DFS); *Sangamon* (104), 27 Feb (HDB); Sugar Grove (Kane Co) (100), 28 Feb (JLe); *LaSalle* (100), 8 Feb (JAS); *Schuyler* (100), 4 Jan (NS); Greenville (Bond Co) (100), 17 Feb (MSr); Ark (95), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); *Kankakee* (78), 16 Jan (JHH); Crete (Will Co) (60), 12 Feb (DZ); Fermi (54), 8 Feb (GC); *Lee* (53), 21 Dec (KJM); Kaneville (DeKalb Co) (40), 21 Feb (TKi); NPM (10), 24 Feb (ASA). Reported in 94 counties.

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 66, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 62, KSP & MidFork, 14 Dec (GSL, RK); 48, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg). **Others**: RendL-F (38), 20 Dec (DMK); *Williamson* (38), 21 Dec (RMR); Metropolis (Massac Co) (37), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); HL (32), 28 Dec (APa); Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co) (31), 17 Dec (SDB); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (28), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Pulaski* (27), 27 Dec (PWS); CarlL-C (26), 23 Jan (MSS); *Randolph* (25), 27 Dec (RMR); RendL-J (23), 20 Dec (KAM); Rockwood (Jackson Co) (22), 19 Dec (DDM); Benton (Franklin Co) (20), 20 Dec (DDM); Ark (19), 31 Dec (JG, DDM); *Richland* (12), 15 Feb (JPk); *Monroe* (11), 1 Jan (C&PD).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 112, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 68, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); 62, *Mercer*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR); 48, MArb, 14 Dec (JDC). **Others**: KArb (38), 26 Dec (ES); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (38), 14 Dec (ASA, LG, DKa); Chillicothe CBC (Peoria Co) (38), 4 Jan (RF); LShel (38), 2 Jan (DMK); IBSP (35), 1 Jan (JWL); LRSHNC (35), 14 Dec (CGi); *Whiteside* (33), 18 Dec (RN); HennepinL (32), 12 Dec (DFS); Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (30), 14 Dec (m.ob.); *Henry* (26), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); Lincoln Lake Dev (Grundy Co) (26), 31 Dec (DFS); East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (26), 20 Dec (JPs); White Pines Forest CBC (Ogle Co) (25), 21 Dec (PWS); Johnson Sauk Trl (Henry Co) (25), 15 Feb (SH); StarvedRock (25), 28 Dec (MRs); Merwin Pr (McLean Co) (25), 14 Dec (TEB); Hollows CA (McHenry Co) (23),26 Dec (DFS).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 112, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 72, KSP & MidFork, 14 Dec (GSL, RK); 56, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 53, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); 50, *Randolph*, 19 Dec (RMR). **Others**: Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co) (38), 17 Dec (SDB); *Moultrie* (36), 2 Jan (TAM); *Shelby* (33), 2 Jan (RLJ); HL (28), 28 Dec (APa); *Jefferson* (27), 20 Dec (KAM); *Williamson* (27), 21 Dec (RMR); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (27), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Kickapoo Crk (Coles Co) (26), 14 Dec (V&GT); Ark (26), 31 Dec (TWf); CarlL-C (25), 23 Dec (B&MR); *Marion* (25), 26 Dec (RMR); RendL-F (21), 20 Dec (DMK); River Rd, Byron (Ogle Co) (15), 16 Feb (LT); Middlefork SFWA (Vermilion Co) (15), 14 Dec (JOS, CCC); *Winnebago* (10), 27 Dec (HA); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (8), 16 Jan (KJ); *Kankakee* (8), 29 Dec (LM); Chann (6), 5 Dec & 28 Jan (MTs); Wolf Rd Wds, Palos (Cook Co) (4), 10 Dec (ASA); Urbana (4 @ feeder), 6 Feb (GSL); Marengo (McHenry Co) (3), 15 Jan (KL); *DeKalb* (3), 25 Jan and 1 & 20 Feb (KL); *Kane* (2), 21 Feb (KCA); I&M Trl (Grundy Co), 31

Jan (JAS); Highland Park (Lake Co), 27 Dec (CGi); Lincoln Marsh NA (DuPage Co), 1 Jan (DGn). Reported in 93 counties.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 6, *no. Vermilion*, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: Churchill Hunt Pk (Lake Co) (4), 15 Feb (ABe); LowdMil (4), 16 Jan (ASA, JLe); Saw Wee Kee Pk (Kendall Co) (4), 16 Feb (MW); Swallow Cliff Wds FP (Cook Co) (3), 3 Dec (ASA); *DuPage* (3), 16 Feb (MMyr); BRSF (3), 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co) (2), 2 Dec (AFS); LTFP (2), 24 Dec (KJM); KankakeeR SP (Will Co) (2), 18 Jan (JHH); Limestone Twp (Kankakee Co) (2), 16 Jan (JHH); Urbana (2), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK). Reported from 26 counties.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 39, LRSHNC, 14 Dec (CGi); 38, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 37, KSP & MidFork, 14 Dec (GSL, RK); 36, Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co), 17 Dec (SDB); 34, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 33, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 27, HennepinL, 18 Dec (DHr, TH); 26, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); 25, *Mercer*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR). **Others**: *Henry* (23), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); Merwin Pr (McLean Co) (22), 14 Dec (TEB); LTFP (21), 24 Dec (KJM); Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (20), 14 Dec (TBe); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (20), 23 Feb (AC); *Randolph* (19), 19 Dec (RMR); Anna Page Pk, Rckfd (18), 14 Dec (DTW); KankakeePks (18), 31 Jan (JHH); *Moultrie* (16), 2 Jan (TAM); COLSP (15), 28 Dec (BJS); White Pines Forest CBC (Ogle Co) (15), 21 Dec (PWS); Plum Crk NC (Will Co) (12), 18 Jan (KPe). Reported from 88 counties.

Brown Creeper

MC: 35, *Mercer*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR); 18, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 16, KSP & MidFork, 14 Dec (GSL, RK); 13, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 12, COLSP, 28 Dec (BJS); 12, Hoover FP (Kendall Co) 14 Dec (ASA, LG, DKa); 12, Merwin Pr (McLean Co), 14 Dec (TEB); 12, Urbana, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 12, Sand Crk RA (Macon Co), 12 Dec (MT); 12, RendL-F (12), 20 Dec (DMK); 11, KArb, 26 Dec (ES); 10, LTFP, 24 Dec (KJM); 10, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: BuseyWds (8), 23 Dec (DS); LowdMil (7), 16 Jan (ASA, JLe); JP (7), 2 Jan (PRC); Elmhurst Cem, Joliet (Will Co) (7), 22 Feb (DFS); KankakeeR SP (6), 26 Jan (JHH); McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co) (5), 2 & 4 Dec (PAM); No. Aurora Bike Trl (Kane Co) (4), 11 Feb (JJD). Reported from 70 counties.

Brown Creeper. Coles Creek. Clinton County. 7 December 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Marsh Wren. Weaver Park, Urbana. Champaign County. 29 December 2014. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

House Wren

LSpfld, 26 Dec (HDB); Forsyth (Macon Co), 1 Jan (TBe); HLCA, 28 Dec (PAM).

Winter Wren

MC: 9, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 6, QC, 14 Dec (BLB, CBs, JMl); 5, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: *Mercer* (2), 2 Jan (KJMKJM, MR); ClintonL (2), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL:ph, RK:ph); Oak Spring Rd Canoe Launch (Lake Co), 28 Feb (SDB, BJS, ASS); LaBagh Wds (Cook Co), 2 & 10 Dec (LGM, FRM, KKm); *Rock Island*, 18, 23 & 24 Dec (KJM); *Henry*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR); JP, 15 & 20 Dec (PRC): GrantPk, Chi, 23 Dec (PL); KCP, 14 Dec (GSL, RK); *Brown*, 14 Dec (CS, NS); Champaign, 7 Dec (CW).

Sedge Wren

Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler).

Marsh Wren

Petersburg (Menard Co), 1 Dec (MMn); Weaver Pk, Urbana, 7 & 29 Dec (NS & GSL:ph resp).

Carolina Wren

MC: 40, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 31, MeredosiaI (Morgan Co) 14 Dec (TW-CBC compiler); 30, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 20, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 19, CarlL (Clinton Co), 23 Dec (BRe); 16, *Jefferson*, 20 Dec (KAM); 15, RendL-F, 20 Dec (DMK); 15, Watershed NC, Edwardsville (Madison Co), 14 Dec (ED); 14, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 14, Randolph, 19 Dec (RMR); 13, CONWR, 21 Dec (VLg, DDM); 13, Karnak (Pulaski Co); 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); 13, Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM); 12, *Marion*, 26 Dec (RMR). **Others**: Rock Springs NP (St Clair Co) (11), 20 Jan (GHy); *Wabash* (11), 14 Dec (NBn); *Williamson* (11), 21 Dec (RMR); *Moultrie* (8), 2 Jan (TAM); *no. Vermilion* (8), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); PereMarquette (8), 20 Dec (BRe;BSf); Chicago Urban CBC (Cook Co) (7), 14 Dec (JRS-compiler); Lisle Arb CBC (Cook Co) (7), 14 Dec (GAW-compiler); Miller City (Alexander Co) (7), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Village Pk, Forsyth (Macon Co) (6), 26 Dec (TBe); *Lake* (coming to feeder), 3-27 Jan (M&GJ); Carnation Pk, Oregon (Ogle Co), 26 Jan (DTW); Elburn FP (Kane Co), 11 Jan (TBe); WaterfallGlen (2), 31 Jan (DK); Izak Walton Pk, Homewood (Cook Co), 2 Jan (PL); KankakeePks (2), 20-31 Jan (JHH).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 14, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 12, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 11, *Mercer*, 26 Dec (KJM, SH); 11, KSP & MidFork, 14 Dec (GSL, RK); 10, LTFP, 24 Dec (KJM); 10, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); 8, RendL-F, 20 Dec (DMK); 7, Chau, 27 Dec (RF); 7, SRSF, 30 Jan (ASA, JLe); 7, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 6, Old Mill FP (Lake Co), 27 Dec (BJS); 5, LowdMil, 21 Dec (DTW); 5, *Jefferson*, 13 Dec (KAM). **Others**: Chantecleer Lks, Naperville (DuPage Co) (4), 2 Dec (PAM); Carpenter-Gurgens, Spfld (4), 1 Jan (APa); Sand Ridge RA (Macon Co) (4), 28 Jan (MT); Metropolis (Massac Co) (4), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR). 1s and 2s reported in another 25 counties.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MC: 17, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 12, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 7, KSP & MidFork (5) & Harrison Pk (2), Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (GSL:ph, RK & JR, BSo resp); 3, Cahokia Mounds SHC (St. Clair Co), 19 Jan (LRd). **Others**: McNaughton Pk (Tazewell Co) (2), 20 Dec (ECn); Forest Glen CBC (Vermilion Co) (2), 17 Dec (MFC - CBC compiler); *Jefferson* (2), 20 Dec (KAM); RendL-F (2), 20 Dec (DMK); Metropolis (Massac Co) (2), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 3 Dec (JRRS); MArb, 14 Dec (JDC); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co), 1 Dec (JJD); Chann, 26 Dec (JAS); I&M Trl (Grundy Co), 31 Jan (JAS); KankakeePks, 26 Dec (JHH). Singletons reported in another 24 counties throughout the state.

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 49, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 41, *Randolph*, 19 Dec (RMR); 34, *Monroe*, 6 Feb (GHy); 30, Watershed NC, Edwardsville (Madison Co), 14 Dec (ED); 30, CarlL (Bond Co), 1 Jan (MSS); 30, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 28, *Williamson*, 28 Dec (RMR); 27, Savanna (Carroll Co), 24 Jan (DTW, TWf); 27, Black Partridge FP (Cook Co), 14 Dec (SJH); 27, Ark, 31 Dec (JG); 26, Rockwood (Jackson Co), 19 Dec (DDM). **Others**: LostMound (23), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); *Edwards* (23), 25 Dec (RES); *Carroll* (22), 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO); *Mercer* (20), 10 Dec (KJM); *Marion* (20), 26 Dec (RMR); RiverBend (18), 24 Jan (NS, CW); CarlL-C (16), 14 Dec (DMK); RendL (15), 20 Dec (KAM); Metropolis (Massac Co) (14), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); HennepinL (14), 18 Dec (DHr, TH); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (13), 14 Dec (WH).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

LostMound, 19 Dec (SDB, DTW, PD, MHK). The 32nd Illinois record.

Hermit Thrush

MC: 24, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 21, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 16, MeredosiaI, 14 Dec (TW, m.ob.); 11, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); 10, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); 7, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 6, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co), 2 Dec (KK, FRM, LGM); 5, GreenR SFWA (Lee Co), 21 Dec (KJM); 5, Cutler (Perry Co), 31 Dec (TWf); 5, QC, 14 Dec (BLB, CBs, JMl); 4, Versailles (Brown Co), 14 Dec (NS, CW); 4, RendL, 20 Dec (DMK); 3, MArb, 14 Dec (GAW, m.ob.); 3, CarlL-C, 23 Dec & 24 Jan (DMK). **Others**: KSP (2), 14 Dec (GSL, RK); Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 28 Dec (EPe); St Mary's Seminary (Lake Co), 1 Jan (PWS): KishwaukeeR (DeKalb Co), 8 Feb (EE & SSr); Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 28 Jan (DW); Elsens Hill FP (Dupage Co), 30 Jan (JAS); Chi, 20 Feb (SGS); Sau Wee Kee Pk (Kendall Co), 19 Jan (SJ); Bald Bluff (Henderson Co), 22 Dec (SH); Davis Ck, Bourbonnais (Kankakee Co), 9 Feb (BRf); Miller-And, 20 Dec (CAT); Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co), 3 Feb (EC); SRSF, 28 Feb (JAS); Riverbend, 31 Dec (NS); Lincoln Green (Sangamon Co), 6 Jan (HDB). Many reports of 1-2 birds throughout Dec and Jan from *Cook* and Dec in *DuPage*, with few from the central region.

American Robin

MC: 1006, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 800, SRSF, 28 Jan (KAM); 750, Allerton Pk (Piatt Co), 26 Dec (GSL); 588, North Shore Channel, Chi, 3 Dec (RDC); 420, CarlL-C, 23 Dec (B&MR); 400, Co Rd 1735E (Brown Co), 14 Dec (NS, CW); 400, Petersburg (Menard Co), 21 Dec (MMn); 305, Spfld, 4 Jan (HDB); 300, Moorman Swine Research Unit, Urbana, 26 Jan (PB); 300, Carbondale Res (Jackson Co), 26 Feb (JG). **Others**: Oswego Twp (Kendall Co) (251), 23 Feb (JV); ClintonL (210), 24 Jan (PB, NS); EIU Campus, Charleston (Coles Co) (200), 16 Feb (OJ); Wolf Crk Causeway (Williamson Co) (200), 23 Dec (WW); LShel (171), 2 Jan (DMK); Greenville (Bond Co) (170), 10 Jan (MSr); Independence Pk, Pekin (Tazewell Co) (153), 20 Dec (ECn); RendL-F (150), 19 Dec (KAM); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (150), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); *Marion* (143), 26 Dec (RMR); *Jackson* (131), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); Rock Island Trl (Peoria Co) (130), 10 Jan (OC); Peabody (120), 6 Dec (GHy); *Lake* (78), 15 Jan (RAB); Beardstown (Cass Co) (76), 18 Jan (SDB); Oakhurst FP (Kane Co) (60), 28 Dec (MSt); Big Timber FP (DuPage Co) (60), 20 Dec (GAW).

Hermit Thrush. South Shore State Park. Clinton County. 23 December 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Brown Thrasher. Coles Creek. Clinton County. 22 February 2015. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Sage Thrasher. Senachwine Township. Putnam County. 23 December 2014. Photo by John Picken.

Gray Catbird

NelsonL M NP (Kane Co), 1 Dec (DL, WS); Glencoe (Cook Co), 2 Dec (ASA); Thompson Center, Chi, 22-30 Dec (LRt); Oswego Twp (Kendall Co), 25 Dec (KJ); KankakeePks, 1 Dec&12 Jan (JHH); Allerton Pk (Piatt Co), 13 Dec (TAM, BF); Cinder Flats, LSpfld, 20 Dec (HDB).

Brown Thrasher

MC: 8, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 5, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf). **Others**: 3, *Johnson*, 19 Feb (TK); 2, *Edwards*, 31 Jan (RES); 2, Carterville (Williamson Co), 19 Feb (AR-H); 2, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Urbana (feeder), 15 Jan & 9 Feb (ZS:ph); Coles Crk RA, CarlL-C, 14 Dec & 22 Feb (DMK:ph); RendL-F, 20 Dec (DMK). Other singletons reported from Bond, Champaign, Jackson, Jefferson, Madison, Pope, Randolph, Richland, St. Clair, Sangamon and Wabash counties.

SAGE THRASHER

Putnam, 18 Dec-3 Feb (DFS, JCL, DMK:ph m.ob.:ph). This is the 7th Illinois record for this species.

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 8, *Edwards*, 25 Dec (RES); 7, Ark, 31 Dec (JG, DDM); 7, Benton (Franklin Co), 20 Dec (DDM); 6, Murphysboro (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (RMR, TWf). **Others**: Drost Pk, Maryville (Madison Co) (4), (RSt); Peabody (4), 22 & 24 Jan (GHy, DR); LostMound (3), 18 Jan (EB); *Monroe* (3), 25 Dec & 10 Jan (C&PD); CONWR (3), 31 Dec (VLg, DDM); Miller City (Alexander Co) (3), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). Ones and twos reported from 32 other counties.

European Starling

MC: 5000, Mascoutah (StClair Co), 23 Jan (BMr); 5000, Johnston (Williamson Co), 22 Jan (RSh); 3000, CarlL-C, 14 Dec, 17 Jan & 1-15 Feb (DMK); 2115, *Pulaski*, 27 Dec (DFS); 2000, SRSF, 28 Jan (DKa, LY). **Others**: LShel (Shelby Co) (1900), 2 Jan (DMK); Chau (1511), 27 Dec (RF); *Lake* (1500), 16 Feb (PWS); Butler View Farm (Kankakee Co) (1500), 15 Feb (JHH); Ark (1296), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); North Shore Channel, Chi (1270), 3 Dec (RJD); *Rock Island* (1243), 23 Dec (KJM, JLM, CDM); Carnation Pk, Oregon (Ogle Co) (1200), 7 Dec (DTW); RendL-F (1000), 20 Dec (DMK); MermetL (1000), 31 Jan (JFo); Carol PointM (DuPage Co) (750), 16 Dec (GP); *no. Vermilion* (739), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (703), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Randolph* (560), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); *McHenry* (400), 6 Dec (CAT); StarvedRock (400), 29 Dec (MRs); Arbor Gates Subd (Kendall Co) (350), 18 Jan (SJ); *Whiteside* (325), 18 Dec (RN); *Henry* (290), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); CarsonSl (Kane) (250), 14 Dec (NSn).

BOHEMIAN WAXWING

JP, 15 - 28 Feb (BB, RLS, m.ob.:ph).

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 300, CarlL-C, 28 Dec (DMK); 150, CBG, 6 Feb (GG); 150, RendL-F, 2 Jan (KAM); 125, Co Rd 665N (Brown Co), 24 Dec (NS, CW); 115, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); 100, West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co), 20 Dec (LY). **Others**: SpringL (Tazewell Co) (73), 2 Jan (DHr); Lindbloom Lane (Winnebago Co) (72), 27 Jan (HA); Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (72), 20 Dec (AFS); *Marion* (61), 26 Dec (RMR); CONWR (55), 21 Dec (JG); HL (54), 28 Dec (APa); Ark (45), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); Lake Bluff (Lake Co) (44), 22 Dec (JP); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (44), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); LostMound (41), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); LThunderbird (Putnam Co) (41), 18 Dec (DFS); OakBot (39), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); Carnation Pk, Oregon (Ogle Co) (30), 26 Jan (DTW); KankakeePks (28), 19 Dec (JHH); Arbor Gates Subd (Kendall Co) (27), 18 Jan (SJ); Davenport CBC (Rock Island Co) (20), 14 Dec (SH, KJM, SN). Reported from 56 counties.

House Sparrow

MC: 661, *Henry*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR); 350, Lyndon (Whiteside Co), 28 Dec (DHh, TWf); 310, Rckfd, 14 Dec (JCL); 286, *no. Vermilion*, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); 276, Peoria CBC (Peoria Co), 20 Dec (RF); 241, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 238, LCal, 27 Dec (JIN); 219, Sugar Grove (McLean Co), 23 Jan (RG); 200, CarlL-C, 2 & 31 Jan (DMK). **Others**: *Iroquois* (175), 14 Dec (JHH); Urbana (175), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); East Peoria (Tazewell Co) (172), 20 Dec (JPs); Rockwood (Jackson Co) (170), 19 Dec (DMM); Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (150), 14 Dec (JL;m.ob.); *Bureau* (150), 20 Dec (CAT); StarvedRock (150), 23 Jan (PWS); Chillicothe CBC (Woodford Co) (145), 4 Jan (TH, DHr); Springbrook GC (DuPage Co) (125), 5 Dec (JAS); Arcola Twp (Douglas Co) (125), 18 Jan (TWf).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 75, *Mercer*, 10 Dec (KJM); 60, BRSF, 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); 60, TwoRivers, 23 Dec (LRr, DSf, CSm); 54, *Peoria*, 20 Dec (MHB); 49, *Henry*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR); 45, Quincy (Adams Co), 10-11 Jan (KC, NKl). **Others**: Sugar Grove NC (McLean Co) (36), 23 Dec (RG); HL (32), 17 Feb (JLr); *Rock Island* (31), 18 Dec (KJM); Bee Crk (Pike Co) (30), 6 Dec (TR); Woosung (Ogle Co) (28), 21 Dec (DHh); *McDonough* (28), 1 Feb (EF); Lyndon (Whiteside Co) (26), 28 Dec (DHh, TWf); Chau (24), 8 Feb (DTW, TWf), *Putnam* (21), 3 Jan (AG, EG); rural Geneseo (Knox Co) (20), 11 Feb (SH); SpringL SFWA (Tazewell Co) (20), 6 Feb (AGt); San Jose (Logan Co) (20), 21 Dec (PAM); Hennepin Canal (Henry Co) (10), 7 Dec (SH). Reported from 35 counties mostly in the west-central part of the state adjacent to the Mississippi River.

American Pipit

MeredosiaI (Morgan/Cass Cos) (4), 14 Dec (TW-CBC Compiler); Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); *Monroe* (2), 25 Dec (C&PD); PaulDouglas, 19 Dec (JRS); Montrose, 25 Dec (JIE, GAW, BW); Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR).

PINE GROSBEAK

SRSF (♂), 14 Jan-25 Feb (KBR).

House Finch

MC: 98, IroquoisR (Kankakee Co), 27 Dec (DFS); 83, *Lee*, 1 Jan (AT); 82, *Henry*, 2 Jan (KJM, MR); 76, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 75, Geneseo (Henry Co), 14 Feb (SH); 72, LShel (Shelby Co), 2 Jan (DMK); 70, Nacke Rd, Crete (Will Co), 26 Dec (SZ); 70, *Woodford*, 4 Feb (MEF); 64, Chillicothe CBC (Peoria Co), 4 Jan (RF); 60, Plautz & Woods Rds (Whiteside Co), 21 & 28 Dec (DA;DHh;TWf); 50, Collinsville (Madison Co), 15 Feb (PP). **Others**: Washington (Tazewell Co) (47), 26 Jan (DHr); Whiskey Crk (DuPage Co) (46), 1 Feb (SK); Bliss Wds FP (Kane Co) (45), 14 Dec (JL;m.ob.); St.Joseph (Champaign Co) (40), 7 Jan (BPe); *no. Vermilion* (39), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); Blackberry Trl (Kendall Co) (36), 14 Dec (TB, MG); LSpfld (36), 13 Dec (HDB); Riverview Rd (Carroll Co) (35), 2 Jan (EB); *Hancock* (31), 4 Feb (CO); *Winnebago* (30), 25 Dec (HA); *Montgomery* (30), 16 Feb (NR); *St.Clair* (30), 16 Feb (TMcE); CarlL-C (30), 13, 21 Dec & 8 Feb (DMK).

Purple Finch

MC: 38, QC, 14 Dec (BLB, CBs, JMl); 33, KSP & MidFork, 14 Dec (GSL, RK); 25, Savanna (Carroll Co), 24 Jan (DTW, TWf); 22, *Schuyler*, 15 Feb (CB); 21, GreenR SFWA (Lee Co), 21 Dec (KJM); 19, Union, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 18, HennepinL, 12 Dec (DFS); 14, Petersburg (Menard Co), 16 Dec & 7 Feb (MMn); 10, LRSHNC, 27 Jan (ASA); 10, SRSF, 27 Dec (JV); 10, KSP (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: *Iroquois* (8), 1 Jan (JHH); LSpfld (8), 11 Dec (HDB); *Monroe* (8), 1 Jan (C&PD); LostMound (7), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); So. of Versailles (Brown Co) (7), 14 Dec (NS, CW); *Cumberland* (7), 16 Feb

Hoary Redpoll. Wolf Lake, Lake Calumet. Cook County. 13 February 2015. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Bohemian Waxwing. Jackson Park, Chicago. Cook County. 24 February 2015. Photo by Carl Giometti.

(M&KF); MatthiesenSP (LaSalleCo) (6), 13 Jan (TH); Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co) (6), 22 Dec (SH); LTFP (6), 24 Dec (KJM); Weldon Springs SP (DeWitt Co) (6), 13 Dec (EWr); Ballard NC (Effingham Co) (6), 11 Feb (BRs); LGlendale RA (Pope Co) (6), 19 Feb (MSS); *Lake* (5), 29 Dec (JLs); Lyndon (Whiteside Co) (5), 28 Dec (DHh, TWf); Pioneer Elementary School, Venzon (Will Co) (5), 2 & 17 Dec (Forest Preserve District); SRSF (5), 20 Jan (SDB); *Moultrie* (5), 2 Jan (TAM); *Jefferson* (5), 20 Dec (KAM); Ark (5), 31 Dec (TWf); BigL (Brown Co) (4), 20 Jan (SDB). Reported in 59 counties.

Red Crossbill

MC: Flock of 15-17, SRSF, 31 Dec - 22 Feb (KBR, SDB, KAM, .). **Other**: Petersburg (Menard Co), 5 Dec (MMn).

White-winged Crossbill

Northbrook (Cook Co), 13 Jan (MJH); 1 (calling), SRSF, 10 Feb (KBR).

Common Redpoll

MC: 19, KArb, 20 Dec (RKe); 18, 83rd St B, Chi, 22 Dec (AG); 15, 31st St B, Chi, 5 & 25 Dec (EG & JV resp); 15, WolfL (Cook Co), 13 Dec - 27 Feb (WSM, AFS m.ob.); 12, *Lake*, 9 Feb (SDB); 10, *Menard*, 5 Jan (MMn); 8, Genoa (DeKalb Co), 25 Jan (KML); 6-7, *Kane*, coming to feeder, 24-27 Jan & 23-24 Feb (BL:ph). **Others**: Anna Page Pk, Rckfd (2), 14 Dec (DTW); KArb, 26 Dec (JAS); *McHenry*, 2 Dec (RS); White Pines Forest SP (Ogle Co) (2), 21 Dec (KKh, DTW); Elgin (Kane Co), 26 Dec (ES & SSr); *DuPage*, 9 Feb (DK); Montrose, 10 Dec (RDH); JP, 12 Dec (PRC); Hillside (Cook Co), 21 Dec (DFS); S. Lake Shore Dr., Chi, 28 Dec (JF, MS & JS); Oak Forest (Cook Co), 2 Jan (BAS); Chann, 26 Dec (ES & SSr); *Knox*, 18-19 Dec (PS); *Menard* (3), 1 Dec (MMn); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), 29 Jan (PLr); MeredosiaI (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (CB:ph); Ashmore (Coles Co), 20 Feb (RB).

HOARY REDPOLL

WolfL (Cook Co) (2), 6 - 28 Feb (JLe, BM:ph, ASA m.ob.:ph).

Pine Siskin

MC: 115, Elburn FP (Kane Co), 1 Jan (DFS); 80, MArb, 12 Dec (LMr, JMV); 77, CBG, 11 Feb (AFS); 75, *Lake*, 19 Jan (RAB); 60, Woodlawn Cem (Champaign Co), 2 Jan (NS); 58, *no. Vermilion*, 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); 50, Lyndon (Whiteside Co), 28 Dec (DHh, TWf). **Other**: *Rock*

Yellow-rumped Warbler. Morton Arboretum. DuPage County. 11 January 2015. Photo by Urs Geiser.

Island (43), 24 Dec (KJM); *McHenry* (42), 8 Jan (RGh); IBSP (So. Unit) (40), 7 Dec (SDB, BJS, ASS); Urbana (40), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Chann (38), 26 Dec (JAS); ClintonL (34), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Safford Rd (Winnebago Co) (30), 14 Jan (DTW); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (28), 14 Dec (ASA, LGt, DKa); LTFP (25), 24 Dec (KJM); Petersburg (Menard Co) (25), 15 Dec (MMn); Milford (Iroquois Co) (20), 6 Dec (JR); Mercer (9), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (4), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); UCCA (2), 29 Dec (KJM, VMK, DDM); CarlL-C, 6 Dec & 10 Jan (DMK:ph); OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg). Reported from 50 counties.

American Goldfinch

MC: 600 & 300, CarlL-C, 15 Feb & 28 Dec resp (DMK); 384, LShel (Shelby Co), 2 Jan (DMK); 185, RendL-F, 25 Jan (KAM); 164, CarlL-C, 23 Dec (BRe); 115, Lyndon (Whiteside Co), 28 Dec (DHh, TWf); 114, *White*, 9 Jan (SSe); 100, *Montgomery*, 20 Feb (NR). **Others**: Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (94), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Cook* (81), 15 Feb (JSA); HennepinL (77), 12 Dec (DFS); Quincy (Adams Co) (76), 15 Feb (RB); *Schuyler* (75), 4 Jan (CB); *Randolph* (74), 19 Dec (RMR); *Whiteside* (66), 18 Dec (RN); *Bond* (55), 1 & 7 Jan (SB); LincolnPk, Chi (52), 2 Dec (JIN); TwoRivers (50), 28 Jan (LRr, DSf, CSm).

Lapland Longspur

MC: 2000, 1200, 600 & 400, CarlL-C, 15 Feb, 17 Jan, 24 Dec & 6-7 Dec resp (DMK); 1200, 1300E & 1700N (Coles Co), 12 Jan (TDF); 1000, Eureka (Woodford Co), 1 Jan (SA); 800, Still & Macklin Rds (Ogle Co), 26 Jan (DTW); 655, SanteFe Bottoms (Clinton Co), 5 Feb (MSS); 600, *Logan*, 28 Feb (JAS). **Others**: Kaneville Twp (Kane Co) (350), 17 Dec (PAM); *Kendall* (340), 14 Dec (DFS); Iroquois Co CA (Iroquois Co) (250), 1 Jan (JHH); Mt. Erie Bottoms (Wayne Co) (205), 8 Jan (RES); Mazonia/Essex (Kankakee Co) (200), 25 Jan (DBa); PrRdg-J (200), 10 Jan (V&CT); Peotone (Will Co) (150), 27 Feb (CGi); *Mercer* (150), 11 Jan (KJM); Rd 500E (Putnam Co) (110), 9 Jan (FR); 87th St Steel Mill, Chi (105), 28 Dec (AG); *Sangamon* (105), 19 Dec (HDB); *Tazewell* (100), 27 Feb (SZr); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (51), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). Reported from 60 counties.

Smith's Longspur

1 with Lapland Longspur flock, *Jackson*, 25 Feb (JTr).

Snow Bunting

MC: 100, WonderL (McHenry Co), 11 Jan (DN); 75, St. Joseph Twp (Champaign Co), 6 Feb (JT:ph); 50, Kaneville Twp (Kane Co), 17 Dec (PAM); 50, Crittenden Twp (Champaign Co) (50), 6 Feb (RB). **Others**: 1300N/3200E Rds (Woodford Co) (41), 14 Feb (TH); N19th Rd (LaSalle Co) (40), 11 Feb (VS); Kaneville (Kane Co) (35), 17 Dec (PAM)); *Iroquois* (30), 13 Feb (JHH); *Carroll* (25), 16 Dec (EA, RN m.ob.); 87th St Steel Mill, Chi (25), 7 Dec (AG); *Kankakee* (25), 24 Jan (VS); No. AuSay Twp (Kendall Co) (14), JV); NPM (11), 11 Dec (AFS); *no. Vermilion* (2), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); SanteFe Bottoms (Clinton Co), 6 Dec (DMK:ph). Reported from 27 counties concentrated in the northern half of the state.

Orange-crowned Warbler

Kane, 8 Dec (BL); West Branch FP (DuPage Co), 20 Dec (UWG:ph); NoP, 26 Dec (AFS).

Snow Bunting. North Point Marina. Lake County. 24 February 2015. Photo by Nat Carmichael.

Common Yellowthroat

Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (♂), 5 Dec (ASS); *DuPage* (imm), 12 Dec (GP).

Yellow Warbler

Champaign (Scott Pk, Boneyard Crk), **12 Dec** (RK:ph, GL). Only the 2nd Illinois December record for this species.

Pine Warbler

Mason, 1 Jan (CT); Ark, 25 Jan (KAM).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

MC: 14, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 11, *Jackson*, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 10, *Williamson*, 21 Dec & 3 Feb (RMR); 9, *Randolph*, 19 Dec (RMR). **Others**: ClintonL (7), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (5), 3 Jan (BM); KSP (5), 14 Dec (GSL, RK); Pomona (5), 1 Jan (RMR); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (5), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); LostMound (4), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); Cinder Flats, LSpfld (4), 24 Dec (HDB); CarlL-C (4), 23 Jan (MSS); Warrenville Grove FP (Dupage Co) (3), 1 Jan (PAM); North Shore Channel, Chi (3), 13 & 16 Jan (M&JC, FRM); Quarry Pk, Batavia (Kane Co) (2), 16 Dec (JJD); BRSF (2), 22 Dec (KJM, LBn). Reported in 33 counties.

Yellow-throated Warbler

Metropolis (Massac Co), **7 Dec** (APy). Only the 2nd Illinois December record for this species.

Wilson's Warbler

KankakeePks (imm), **26 Dec** (JHH). Only the 5th Illinois December record for this species.

Spotted Towhee

Pyramid SP (Perry Co.) (♂), 31 Dec (KJM*, TWf).

Eastern Towhee

MC: 20, *Williamson,* 21 Dec (RSR); 15, *Perry*, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 11, Karnak (Pulaski Co), 15 Dec (RMR, DDM). **Others**: CONWR (9), 21 Dec (VLg); MermetL (9), 6 Feb (KAM); OakBot (7), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); CarlL-F (6), 23 Dec (TAM, TBe); CarlL-C (6), 6 – 23 Dec (DMK); O'Fallon (St.Clair Co) (5), 12 Feb (GH); RendL (4), 20 Dec (KAM); 17 Feb (KG); Ballard NC (Effingham Co) (4), 21 Feb (BL); *Williamson,* (4), 17 Feb (JG); KCP (2), 14 Dec (MJE); *Carroll* (♀), 24 Dec (NK); Elsen's Hill FP (DuPage Co), 10 Jan (KW); WolfL (Cook Co), 31 Jan (WJM); *Woodford*, 4 Feb (MEF); *Tazewell*, 1 Jan (PS); QuinsippiI (Adams Co), 10 Jan (BC); Henry Gleason NP (Mason Co), 21 Feb (AGt); LSpfld, 19 Jan (TH).

American Tree Sparrow

MC: 209, Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 27 Dec (NGg, SJH, GAW); 169, *Whiteside*, 18 Dec (RN); 166, Fermi, 20 Dec (GP); 160, HL, 28 Feb (FRH); 121, *Winnebago*, 15 Feb (JCL); 120, 87th St Steel Mill, Chi, 18 Jan (AG); 120, Prairie Bluff Pr (Will Co), 13 Jan (ASA); 120, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 115, Batavia (Kane Co), 16 Feb (RM); 110, ClintonL, 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 106, *Mercer*, 11 Jan (KJM); 101, Nachusa, 24 Jan (GAW); 100, *Sangamon*, 22 Feb (HDB). **Other**: MoraineHills (91), 20 Dec (RS); HennepinL (91), 12 Dec (DFS); *Shelby* (90), 2 Jan (RLJ); Fenton (Whiteside Co) (87), 5 Jan (AB); *Rock Island* (83), 18 Dec (KJM); PLNWR (79), 26 Dec (KJM, SH); Chau (70), 26 Feb (CL); Middlefork SFWA (Vermilion Co) (57), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); MackinawR SFWA (Tazewell Co) (57), 31 Jan (TH); Bartel LWR (Marion Co) (57), 30 Jan (TDF); TwoRivers (55), 3 Feb (LRr, DSf, CSm); LostMound (53), 19 Dec (DTW); Ark (51), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); Mineral Marsh NP (Henry Co) (50), 6 Dec (SH).

Chipping Sparrow

MC: 6, Olney City Pk (Richland Co), 17 Feb (RES). **Other**: GreenR SFWA (Lee Co), 21 Dec (KJM*); *Putnam*, 5 Jan (ASA:ph, JLe); KankakeeD (Kankakee Co), 5 Jan (JHH); *McLean*, 11 Jan (MEF:ph);

Kaufman Pk, Champaign, 2 Dec (CW); Urbana, 13 Dec (GSL); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), 3 Dec (JOS); Spfld; 12 Dec (HDB); Sang, 3 Jan (HDB); Chau, 28 Jan (MI); *Edwards*, 13 Dec (RES).

Field Sparrow

MC: 31, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 11, Karnak (Pulaski Co), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); 11, Metropolis (Massac Co), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); 10, *Williamson*, 21 Dec (RMR); 10, KinkaidL (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg). **Other**: Ballard NC (Effingham Co) (8), 27 Jan (BRs); CONWR (6), 3 Jan (JG); Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (5), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); *Edwards* (5), 21 Jan (RES); Adams WS (Sangamon Co) (4), 24 Jan (PSer); Peabody (4), 31 Jan (C&GH); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (4), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); HL (4), 28 Dec (APa); MermetL (4), 6 Feb (KAM). Singletons up to 3 birds reported in an additional 19 counties.

Vesper Sparrow

Buffalo Twp (Sangamon Co), 13 Dec (HDB); MeredosiaI (Morgan Co) 14 Dec (HDB, PMW).

Savannah Sparrow

MC: 15, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 12, SpringL (Tazewell Co), 7 Feb (J&SE). **Other**: Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (9), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (8), 27 Dec (SJH, GAW); *Williamson* (8), 21 Dec (RMR); HL (5), 20 Dec (FRH); Ark (5), 31 Dec (JG, DDM); CarlL-C (4), 22 Feb (DMK); Big Muddy Wet (Jackson Co) (4), 2 Dec (JTr); ClintonL (3), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); SantaFe Bottoms (Clinton Co) (3), 15 Feb (MSS); 87th St Steel Mill, Chi (2), 23 Dec (AG); Marshall Rd (Kane Co), 5 Feb (BL). Singletons and 2s reported from 8 other counties.

Le Conte's Sparrow

HLCA (4; 2 @ 2 locations), 28 Dec (APa & SDB, PAM); *Jackson*, **2 Feb** (MS); MeredosiaI (Morgan Co), 14 Dec (CD, MPW).

Fox Sparrow

MC: 21, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 18, Sang, 9 Jan (HDB); 17, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 12, Karnak (Pulaski Co), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); 10, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 23 Feb (JZ). **Other**: Wolf Crk Meadow Outlook (Williamson Co) (9), 9 Jan (JTr); QuinsippiI (Adams Co) (7), 10 Jan (AKw); Otter Crk FP (Kane Co) (6), 24 Jan (HD); Benton (Franklin Co) (6), 20 Dec (DDM); Metropolis (Massac Co) (6), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); McDowell Grove FP (DuPage Co) (5), 2 Dec & 19-24 Jan (PAM, MWd resp); Moro (Madison Co) (5), 14 Feb (DRz); CarlL-C (5 & 4), 1 Feb & 6 Dec resp (DMK); Portage Wds, Chi (4), 28 Dec (LR); *Johnson* (4), 19 Feb (MSS); CarlL-F (3), 23 Dec (TBe, TAM); *Jefferson* (3), 20 Dec (KAM); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (3), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Pope* (3), 19 Feb (PAM). Singletons and 2s reported in 24 other counties.

Song Sparrow

MC: 93, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 79, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 67, PereMarquette, 20 Dec (BRe); 67, Karnak (Pulaski Co), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR). **Other**: *Jackson* (48), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); Langley Bottoms & Vermilion River Obs. (Vermilion Co) (33), 17 Dec (SDB); CarlL-C (30), 23 Dec (DMK); Ark (30), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); HL (30), 28 Dec (APa); ClintonL (26), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Urbana (26), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co) (26), 14 Dec (NS, CW); Metropolis (Massac Co) (20), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); 87th St Steel Mill, Chi (15), 7 Dec (AG); *Rock Island* (10), 18 Dec (KJM); MArb (9), 14 Dec (JLd); Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (6), 7 & 27 Dec (BJS, SDB m.ob.); Torsteson NA (Winnebago Co) (5), 14 Dec (DTW); LowdMil (5), 21 Dec (DTW); Jelke Crk Bird Sanctuary (Kane Co) (5), 1 Jan (WL); Yorkville (Kendall Co) (5), 14 Dec (ASA, LG); KankakeePks (5), 2 Jan (JHH); *Carroll* (3), 16 Dec (KJM, J&KBO); Kaneville (DeKalb Co) (3), 21 Feb (TKi); MoraineHills (3), 2 Feb (BJS); GLPSNA (3), 18 Feb (DFS).

Harris's Sparrow. West Salem. Edwards County. 19 February 2015. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

White-crowned Sparrow. Urbana. Champaign County. 1 January 2015. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Lincoln's Sparrow

MArb, 14 Dec (JDC); OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM*, VLg).

Swamp Sparrow

MC: 101, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 87, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 67, Karnak (Pulaski Co), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); 51, HL, 28 Dec (APa); 30, *Jefferson*, 20 Dec (KAM). **Other**: OakBot (29), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); CarlL-C (28), 23 Dec (B&MR); *Carroll* (20), 16 Dec (EA, RN); ClintonL (20), 21 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); Ark (20), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); Fermi (17), 20 Dec (GP); Benton (Franklin Co) (15), 20 Dec (DDM); CONWR (15), 21 Dec (VLg, DDM); 87th St Steel Mill, Chi (14), 22 Dec (AG); Davenport CBC (Rock Island Co) (11), 14 Dec (SH, KJM, SN); *no. Vermilion* (11), 14 Dec (SDB, PAM); Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (10), 27 Dec (NGg, SJH, GAW). Reported from 55 counties.

White-throated Sparrow

MC: 211, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 210, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 178, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 134, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg). **Other**: Metropolis (Massac Co) (86), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); CarlL-C (80), 1 Feb (DMK); *Williamson* (78), 21 Dec (RMR); *Jefferson* (67), 20 Dec (KAM); HL (57), 28 Dec (APa); Karnak (Pulaski Co) (49), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); Co Rd 665N (Brown Co) (33), 14 Dec (NS, CW); *Marion* (33), 26 Dec (RMR); *Randolph* (31), 19 Dec (RMR); 87th St Steel Mill, Chi (30), 22 Dec (AG); KankakeePks (21), 27 Jan (JHH). Reported in 79 counties.

Harris's Sparrow

West Salem (Edwards Co), 27 Dec - 28 Feb (RES:ph, CLH:ph); Cutler (Perry Co), 31 Dec (KJM*, TWf).

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 167, SouthFarms, 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); 100, Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Fayette Co), 25 Jan (TAM); 85, 87th St Steel Mill, Chi, 7 Dec (AG); 80, CarlL-C, 1 Jan (DMK); 61, TwoRivers, 23 Dec (BSf). **Other**: *Peoria* (44), 20 Dec (MHB); Ark (26), 31 Dec (JG, DDM); Karnak (Pulaski Co), 15 Dec (DDM, RMR); Metropolis (Massac Co) (22), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); Whittington (Franklin Co) (21), 8 Feb (JWs); *Madison* (20), 25 Jan (CM); *Edwards* (20), 10 Jan (RES); *Jefferson* (18), 20 Dec (KAM); Sang (14), 19 Feb (HDB); Newton CBC (Jasper Co) (13), 23 Dec (fide JWW – CBC compiler); *Perry* (12), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); Sutterville Rd (Monroe Co) (11), 17 Feb (C&PD); *Bond* (10), 23 Jan (SB); rural Morris (Grundy Co) (9), 15 Feb (BMs); Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (8), 24 Jan (LY); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (8), 15 Feb (JHH). Reported in 59 counties.

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 224, *Rock Island*, 18 Dec (KJM); 215, Quincy L&D 21 (Adams Co), 11 Jan (MP); 213, *Whiteside*, 18 Dec (RN); 200, CarlL-C, 15 Feb (DMK); 175, *Randolph*, 19 Dec (RMR); 171, Chillicothe CBC (Woodford Co), 4 Jan (DHr, TH); 170, 87th St Steel Mill, Chi, 5 Jan (AG); 165, Fenton (Whiteside Co), 5 Jan (AB). **Other**: HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (134), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Peoria CBC (Peoria Co) (131), 20 Dec (RF); CrystalL (Henderson Co) (130), 20 Dec (P&GL); *McHenry* (119), 10 Jan (M&DC); *Kane* (117), 19 Feb (KP); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (114), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); BRSF (111), 22 Dec (KJM, LBn); LTFP (107), 24 Dec (KJM); WaterfallGlen (103), 14 Dec (RD, KW); Johnson Sauk Trl (Henry Co) (102), 15 Feb (SH).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 129, Clear Crk Levee, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: *Jackson* (88), 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (87), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Randolph* (86), 19 Dec (RMR); No Name Pk (Madison Co) (85), 4 Feb (BSf); Ark (84), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); *Rock Island* (77), 18 Dec (KJM); Rckfd (67), 14 Dec (JCL); *Adams* (67), 10 Jan (CAT); *Moultrie* (63), 2 Jan (TAM); HL (63), 27 Dec (PWS); Urbana (59), 20 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); *Williamson* (59), 21 Dec (RMR); Metropolis (Massac Co) (58), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); *Jefferson* (52), 20 Dec (KAM); CarlL-C (51), 23 Dec (BRe); *Mercer* (47), 2 Jan (KJM, MR); GreenR SFWA (Lee Co) (46), 21 Dec (KJM); Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co) (46), 8 Feb (KW); LShel (Shelby Co) (43), 2 Jan (DMK); Evanston (Cook Co) (40), 27 Dec (JIE); CarlL-C (40), 21 - 22 Feb (DMK).

Indigo Bunting. West Salem. Edwards County. 29 February 2015. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Indigo Bunting

West Salem (Edwards Co), **19 Feb** (RES:ph, CLH:ph).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 23,000, Davenport (Rock Island Co), 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SN); 14,750, *Jefferson*, 20 Dec (KAM); 7502, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 6000, Carlyle CBC (Clinton Co), 23 Dec (B&MR); 4059, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM); 3000, TwoRivers, 23 Dec (BSf); 3000, Greenville (Bond Co), 29 Dec (TBt); 1000, Brookfield (LaSalle Co), 18 Jan (SPr); 1000, No Name Pk (Madison Co), 24 Feb (BSf); 1000, Mascoutah (St. Clair Co), 6 Jan (GHy). **Others**: Benton (Franklin Co) (800), 20 Dec (DDM); Chau (621), 27 Dec (RF); *Marion* (582), 26 Dec (RMR); BannerM (750), 8 Feb (ECn); UCCA (500), 18 Jan (AR-H); *Whiteside* (288), 18 Dec (RN); Morris Wet (Grundy Co) (150), 8 Feb (JAS); Prairie Stone Office Pk (Cook Co) (90), 15 Dec (ABA); *Mercer* (76), 11 Jan (KJM); Limestone Twp (Kankakee Co) (35), 27 Dec (DFS); State Park Rd (Lake Co) (23), 11 Jan (BJS); Saw Wee Kee Pk (Kendall Co) (20), 11 Jan (DFS).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 143, Newton CBC (Jasper Co), 23 Dec (JWW – CBC compiler); 69, CarlL-C, 11 Jan (DMK); 67, HorseshoeL CBC (Pulaski Co), 27 Dec (PWS); 62, CacheR SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Feb (TK); 40, HLCA, 28 Dec (APa); 37, *Pope*, 19 Feb (MSS); 34, *Bond*, 23 Dec (KAM); 30, *Tazewell*, 10 Feb (TJ). **Others**: RendL-J (27), 19 Dec (KAM); Clinton (26), 4 Dec (MSS); *Edwards* (24), 25 Dec (RES); UCCA (22), 6 Feb (KAM, MSS); Monroe (17), 10 Jan (C&PD); Bee Crk (Pike Co) (15), (TRg); MeredosiaI CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos) (14), 14 Dec (fide TW); Davenport (Rock Island Co) (13), 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SN); Killdeer Wet (Cook Co) (4), 3 Dec (CAT); GreeneVal (3), 14 Dec (VS); RollinsSav, 24 Dec & 1 Jan (EG, PSr); Kaneville (DeKalb Co), 21 Feb (TKi); Big Rock (Kane Co), 11 Jan (PAM); NelsonL M NP (Kane Co), 7 Feb (BA).

Eastern Meadowlark. Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge. Carroll County. 14 February 2015. Photo by Anne Straight.

Western Meadowlark

MC: 12, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK). **Others**: MeredosiaI CBC (Brown, Morgan, Pike & Scott Cos)(10), 14 Dec (fide TW); UCCA (2), 6 Feb (KAM;MSS).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 200, RendL, 19 Dec (KAM); 100, Benton (Franklin Co), 20 Dec (DDM); 100, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 80, CarlL-F, 28 Dec (DMK); 50, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJMVMK, DDM); 25, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SBH, SN). **Others**: Ark (10), 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); *Marion* (9), 26 Dec (RMR); CarlL-C (8), 22 Feb (DMK); *Edwards* (7), 25 Dec (RES); Cooper Pk (Tazewell Co) (6), 24 Dec (TH); Dubois Crk (Washington Co) (6), 21 Jan (MK); HennepinL (5), 12 Dec (DFS); O'Fallon (St.Clair Co) (5), 12 Feb (CH); SRSF, 8 Feb (DTW, TWf); COLSP, 7 Feb (BJS).

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: 8, *Saline*, 19 Feb (MS). **Others**: SpringL (Tazewell Co) (♀) (KBR); *Bond*, (♂ & ♀), 1 Jan (SB); CarlL-C, 8 Feb (DMK); *Jackson* (♂ & ♀), 1 Jan (RMR,TWf).

Common Grackle

MC: 7009, QC, 14 Dec (KJM, SH, SN); 5300, *Jefferson*, 20 Dec (KAM); 5100, CarlL-C, 23 Dec (BRe); 5000, No Name Pk (Madison Co), 24 Feb (BSf); 5000, Big Mound (Wayne Co), 25 Jan (BMr); 3102, Ark, 31 Dec (KJM, TWf); 2535, OakBot, 1 Jan (KJM, VLg); 1200, RendL-F, 20 Dec (DMK); 1000, *St.Clair*, 13 Feb (GHy). **Others**: *Pulaski* (400), 27 Dec (PWS); *Randolph* (380), 19 Dec (RMR); *Marion* (342), 26 Dec (RMR); *Williamson* (250), 21 Dec (RMR); Metropolis (Massac Co) (240), 30 Dec (DDM, RMR); Clear Crk Levee, UCCA (120), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); Brookfield (LaSalle Co) (100), 18 Jan (SPr); DresdenI L&D (Grundy Co) (60), 21 Feb (PAM); LostMound (14), 19 Dec (SDB, DTW); *DuPage* (12), 25 Feb (BE); Chann (12), 15 Feb (JAS); IroquoisR (Kankakee Co) (2), 27 Dec (DFS); Quarry Pk Trl (Kane Co), 26 Dec (BA); Beaubien Wds FP (Cook Co), 6 Dec (SBB); Oswego Twp (Kendall Co), 5 Jan (JV). Reported from 52 counties.

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 1600, CarlL-C, 14 Dec (DMK); 1220, QC, 27 Jan (KJM); 500, Pleasant Plains (Sangamon Co), 8 Feb (HDB); 250, CarlL-C, 23 Dec (BRe); 200, Havana Twp (Mason Co), 8 Feb (DTW, TWf); 150, Starved-Rock, 23 Dec (SSl); 150, *Iroquois*, 1 Jan (JHH); 140, HL, 11 Jan (FRH); 136, O'Fallon (St.Clair Co), 20 Feb (GHy); 127, IroquoisR (Kankakee Co), 27 Dec (DFS); 100, QC, 14 Dec (SN); 100, Farina (Fayette Co), 27 Dec (SDB, PAM); 100, State Park Rd (McHenry Co), 19 Jan (BJS). **Others**: UniversalMine (78), 17 Jan (CAT); MackinawR SFWA (Tazewell Co) (53), 31 Jan (TH); South Dixon Twp (Lee Co) (50), 24 Jan (GAW); Little CalumetR (Cook Co) (40), 25 Dec (WJM); DeWitt Twp (DeWitt Co) (35), 24 Jan (PB, NS, CW); Co Rd 600E (Champaign Co) (35), 7 Feb (CW); HennepinL (32), 18 Dec (DHr); Oswego Twp (Kendall Co) (25), 11 Jan (JV). Reported from 56 counties.

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